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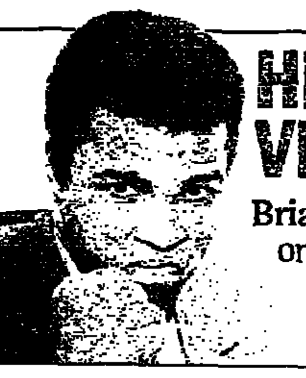

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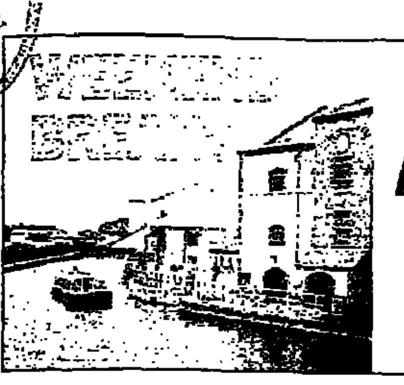

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Widdecombe accuses ‘man whose reaction to attack is denial and semantic prestidigitation’

Savaging for Howard’s Tory hopes

Michael Howard listens impassively as Ann Widdecombe, just behind him, delivers her 40-minute onslaught on his handling of the prison service

By Philip Webster, Political Editor

ANN WIDDECOMBE, the former Prisons Minister, dealt a severe blow to Michael Howard's Conservative leadership ambitions yesterday by accusing him of misleading the House of Commons and mishandling the sacking of Derek Lewis as head of the prison service.

In an impassioned 40-minute speech to MPs, Miss Widdecombe drew startled gasps as she delivered a lengthy personal attack on the former Home Secretary, whom she has admitted she wants to stop winning the Tory crown.

She described him as a man whose "first reaction to attack is denial and semantic prestidigitation".

Standing two benches behind an impassive Mr Howard, who was sitting on the front bench and was due to speak later on, Miss Widdecombe used internal Home Office documents to flesh out her repeated claims that Mr Howard had not spelt out the full truth about the transfer of John Marriott, the governor of Parkhurst prison, in the wake of the breakout of three top security prisoners in January 1995.

Mr Howard's supporters immediately claimed that Miss Widdecombe had said little new in her onslaught and that his leadership hopes would have been helped by the the fact that the issue could now be brought to a close.

"Michael emerges strengthened from all of this. He is still a serious contender to lead the party," one of his senior aides said. But that was not the view of many Conservative MPs who felt that the public dispute had been deeply damaging not only to him but to the party.

Accusing Mr Howard of demeaning his office by indulging in wordplay that might be "unsustainable", Miss Widdecombe alleged that the official report into the escape had been Mr Howard's pretext rather than his reason for sacking Mr Lewis. She claimed that there was "evidence within the Home Office that he had wanted to rid himself of Derek Lewis over a very long period and certainly before the production of the report".

She declared that she wished that she had resigned over the affair herself. Reading from a closely-typed script, Miss Widdecombe's main charges against Mr Howard were:

Derek Lewis: sacking caused bitter dispute

☐ That in spite of Mr Howard telling the Commons in October 1995 that he had not personally told Mr Lewis that the Parkhurst governor should be suspended, there was ample documentary evidence that he did in fact do so.

She quoted a note to her from a senior civil servant saying "this was the subject of the worst disagreement. The Home Secretary wanted suspension, Derek Lewis adamantly refused."

Miss Widdecombe said: "I say categorically to the House today that the documents in the department and the recollection of the civil servants and ministers concerned is that Derek Lewis was told that the governor of Parkhurst should be suspended that he was told to take time to reconsider his decision when he refused."

☐ That in spite of Mr Howard's, categorical statement that there had been no question of overruling Mr Lewis on Mr Marriott's future, there was again documentary evidence that Mr Howard had taken advice on whether he could instruct Mr Lewis to suspend him. After consultation with the Cabinet Office he was told that he could not.

Miss Widdecombe mocked Mr Howard for 14 times failing to deny that he had tried to overrule Mr Lewis over Mr Marriott's dismissal in a BBC2 *Newsnight* interview last week. She said the difficulty for Mr Howard was that he had been unable to tell the House the truth because of his insistence that he was responsible only for policy, not for operations.

He could have admitted to the House that he had pressured Mr Lewis into dismissing Mr Marriott but "he could not do so, of course, because he had dug a hole for himself over policy and operations and he would never have had to dig such a hole had he been prepared to keep the director-general in place".

Miss Widdecombe said last night that she had received a mixed response. Some colleagues told her that she had been right to speak her mind; others said that the party could have done without it.

Her attack on Mr Howard was cool and savage. She described him as someone "looking for scapegoats" and as a man lacking the courage to stick by his public servants when the going got tough.

"Can he really not take responsibility for what he said?" she asked the House. "He has made much of how he is the one to take tough decisions. Tough decisions concern a great deal more than instant law and instant dismissals. Courage and toughness are both more than instant law and instant dismissal.

"We demean our high office if we mistreat our public servants. We demean ourselves if we come to this House and indulge in a play of words which ... may be unsustainable," she said.

Miss Widdecombe said that she had agonised for months over whether to go public with her concerns over the affair. "But I came to the view that I could do no other, in the interests of giving very belated justice to Mr Lewis and some comfort to his wife who supported him faithfully, while he gave us seven days a week looking after the prison service.

"To clear to a certain extent my own conscience, although that is my problem, I should have resigned at the time and I didn't. But also to bring to this House's attention the necessity that whoever is Leader of the Opposition, he, together with the new Prime Minister, must clean up the image of Parliament in the eyes of the British people.

"It is not enough to preserve our own positions at all costs, when we occupy high positions and certainly, in justice departments, justice must be our first concern."

She said that she was aware that some Conservatives wouldnot forgive her for what she had done. "But I'm also aware that if I hadn't done what I have done today, I wouldn't have forgiven myself."

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Barclays chief to lead tax shake-up

Martin Taylor, chief executive of Barclays, is to lead a team to integrate tax and social security benefits.

He will be responsible for co-ordinating across departments a plan of the Chancellor's. His appointment is intended to bring more business experience into government .... Pages 2, 31

Himmler plan for Bayeux Tapestry

Heinrich Himmler, the German SS chief, planned to remove the Bayeux Tapestry from Paris a week before the Allied liberation of the city.

A message sent on August 18, 1944 to an SS officer was intercepted and decoded by the Government Code and Cypher School at Bletchley Park .... Page 8

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Cigarette adverts ban could kill top British sports events

By Ian Murray and Carol Midgley

TOP sports events could be forced out of Britain or left impoverished if a Government pledge to outlaw the sponsorship of sport by cigarette manufacturers goes ahead, organisers said last night.

Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, announced earlier that sports sponsorship would be affected by draft legislation to ban tobacco advertising. He told the Royal College of Nursing annual conference at Harrogate, North Yorkshire, that a Bill would be published in the summer but it would phased in slowly to allow the sports to find alternative sponsors.

The tobacco industry provides £8 million of the £350 million sponsorship enjoyed by British sport but for some events it is crucial. Rugby League, snooker and darts would be worst affected.

Equestrianism has yet to find a replacement after Silk Cut pulled out of the Derby at Hickstead. Snooker is short of sponsors for some of its championships and less high profile sports such as ice hockey and angling also fear they would struggle to find new sponsors.

Mr Dobson said the ban would extend to the logos of tobacco companies appearing on cars in international motor racing events, although he was not sure whether the racing colours used by some sponsors would have to be changed.

"A lot of the details have to be worked out. Some of the rules introduced in other countries haven't worked out which is one reason we are introducing a draft Bill so that we can get something which will really do the trick."

It is also not clear how slowly the ban would be phased in. Some tobacco brands have contracts until 2,000. Regal will support the Scottish Masters snooker until 2000 and Benson & Hedges has agreed to sponsor the ice hockey knockout competition until 1999.

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Lottery grants for Palestinian projects

By Alexandra Frean, Social Affairs Correspondent

THE first National Lottery grants to be awarded to good causes overseas include more than £3 million of politically sensitive awards to human rights projects and education schemes for Palestinians.

The £25 million of grants, announced yesterday by the National Lottery Charities Board, include £756,650 to Amnesty International for a project to increase awareness of the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Nearly £500,000 was awarded to the Westminster Foundation for Democracy to help human rights cases in Africa.

The Friends of Birzeit University received £200,000 to help and educate disadvantaged groups within Palestinian society and the Friends of the Spafford Childrens Centre of Jersualem got £97,600 to help Palestinian children with behavioural and learning difficulties.

Timothy Hornsby, chief executive of the board, said that all the spending on human rights projects would be closely monitored. "Around 12 per cent of the £25 million we are giving out is going towards human rights projects. It is obviously a very delicate area, but there's a long tradition of expertise with organisations such as Amnesty International," he said.

Most of the grants announced yesterday, accounting for 40 per cent of the total, are to welfare projects. Women and girls get 46 per cent of the money.

The biggest grant, just over £1 million, goes to ActionAid towards a four-year project in the Mubende district of Uganda to help 125 education centres for 10,000 children who do not attend school.

Everything’s lovely in my garden, says Major

By Damian Whitworth

WHEN John and Norma Major showed no signs of flagging after four hours trailing round the Chelsea Flower Show yesterday it became clear that this was more than a social visit. The lengthy questioning of exhibitors about the most technical matters and the accumlation of a mountain of catalogues indicated that this former prime minister intends to spend a lot more time tending his borders. With the cares of office behind him, explained a friend last night. Mr Major is planning to extend the garden at his Huntingdon home into the orchard which forms a substantial part of his two-acre grounds.

In particular he and Norma are planning a second pond after the success of the first, installed last year. Mr Major once described to Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown how he had put suncream on his goldfish during last summer's hot spell. "He has come to gardening fairly recently. He found it the perfect antidote to the stresses of the job," said the friend. "The garden came to mean more to him when he was Prime Minister."

Mr Major, however, was not passing on green-fingered hints himself. Although it was Press Day he was not talking. He had more important things to concentrate on. "Why are you interested in me anyway," he said. "I'm yesterday's news."

The show entertained its greatest ever horde of celebrities including David Hockney, the French screen siren Catherine Deneuve, the model Linda Evangelista and the Archbishop of Canterbury. Later the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh made a private visit with the Princess Royal.

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Barclays chief to lead Whitehall Task Force

Brown picks Old Etonian to tackle tax and benefits, report **Robert Miller** and **Jill Sherman**

Taylor: began work as financial journalist

MARTIN TAYLOR, the chief executive of Barclays Bank, was yesterday named to lead one of the most *ambitious task forces announced* by the Government. The 44-year-old Old Etonian will be the unpaid head of the new Whitehall Task Force.

Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, said that Mr Taylor will examine tax and benefits "to deliver the Government's *pledge to streamline* and modernise the system to fulfil the objectives of promoting work incentives, reducing poverty and welfare dependency, and strengthening community and family life".

Mr Taylor, a former journalist, *chief executive* of Courtaulds and non-executive director of WH Smith, will lead the drive to promote work incentives, to reduce poverty and welfare dependency, and to strengthen community and family life. He read Oriental languages at Balliol College, Oxford, before beginning his working life as a financial journalist with Reuters, stationed in London, Paris and *Frankfurt. He later moved to the Financial Times* before joining Courtaulds, the chemicals company.

He rose to become chief executive of the textiles side before being head-hunted to join Barclays in August 1993.

In his new job, involving about two days month, he will work closely with Frank Field, the new Social Security Minister who is looking at longer-term plans to review the benefits and pensions system.

Mr Taylor, who last year earned a package worth £820,000, which included a one-off special bonus, *faces a daunting job. He must unite* four of Whitehall's largest and most complex ministries and agencies in the Treasury and the Inland Revenue as well as the Education and Social Security Departments. The project is expected to last for about a year.

Mr Brown said of Mr Taylor's role: "It is another example of our new way of working. Governments in the past have been least good at issues which span departments ... Today's appointment harnesses the drive of the private sector to the expertise of government departments to streamline both our tax and benefit systems."

Mr Brown added: "I am delighted that Martin will lead this work. We made it a priority in our manifesto, and Martin will bring to it a first-rate mind and ability to find practical solutions that make a long-term difference."

Mr Taylor said: "I am thrilled to bits with the chance to contribute something positive. Our first job will be to decide on the composition of the task force, which will be drawn from senior civil servants in the relevant departments. Barclays has been very supportive of my new role."

Patrick Eraut, a national officer of Unifi, the Barclays staff union, said: "*We are very pleased* that Mr Taylor has been chosen for this very important task force. We hope that Barclays will introduce a minimum wage of £4.10p an hour."

Tonight Mr Brown will use his address to the CBI's annual dinner at Grosvenor House to underline Labour's determination to work with business. He will also announce that the CBI has agreed to be a member of a joint working party with the Government to consult on how best to complete the European single market.

He will reassure his audience that he is not in favour of quick fixes. "With a Labour Government there will be no danger *of growth on an* unsustainable basis, no risk taking with inflation and no quick fixes," he will say.

His fiscal policy, to be outlined shortly in the Budget, would address the long-term needs of the British economy. "I have *set tough* rules for government borrowing and for spending and I will publish a plan for deficit reduction in the medium term," he will say.

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Leadership must be settled soon, says senior Tory

By Jill Sherman, Chief Political Correspondent

SIR ARCHIE HAMILTON, a leading contender for the chairmanship of the Conservative 1922 backbench committee, warned last night against any delay over choosing a new leader for the party.

Sir Archie advised against any change in the rules to involve party activists this time, but suggested that the winner should be subject to an early vote of the party membership at a special conference.

Nominations close today for the influential post of chairman, a job that has to be filled before the party leadership contest can formally begin. The election of the 1922 chairman takes place tomorrow and up to five candidates are expected to stand.

John Major has made clear *that he wants his successor to* be elected as early as possible, and it was hoped that the first ballot could be held at the beginning of June. But MPs are under pressure from the National Union of Conserva*tive and Unionist Associa*tions, which represents party activists, to change the rules of the contest immediately.

One option being mooted is that a caretaker leader could step in until a new system has been sorted out. Tom King, the former Defence Secretary, said yesterday that he would be prepared to consider this role. Other senior MPs believe that an interim system could be put in place to give party chairmen a say, while still allowing the election to be held in June.

Sir Archie, a former Tory defence *minister, wrote to all* Tory backbenchers warning them of the dangers of postponing the election. He referred to the damaging allegations made by Ann Widdecombe in the Commons *against Michael Howard.* "The acrimonious exchanges we have witnessed to date reflect badly on the party as a whole and lead many to feel that we should settle it sooner rather than later," he said.

"*However, if enough col*leagues feel that delay is desirable, they must put up a stop-gap candidate who undertakes, if elected, to stand down as leader after a set period of, say, a year. Then the rest of us would have to dig in for the next 12 months while the campaign to decide who should really lead the party raged on."

Other expected challengers for the chairmanship of the 1922 committee include John MacGregor, John Butterfill, and John Townend. Sir Geoffrey-Johnson Smith is *still considering his position.*

Robin Hodgson, chairman of the national union, has threatened to run his own leadership ballot of the 894 senior figures in local associations, including 659 party *chairman, and publish the* results, unless immediate changes are made to give activists 20 per cent of the vote in the forthcoming contest.

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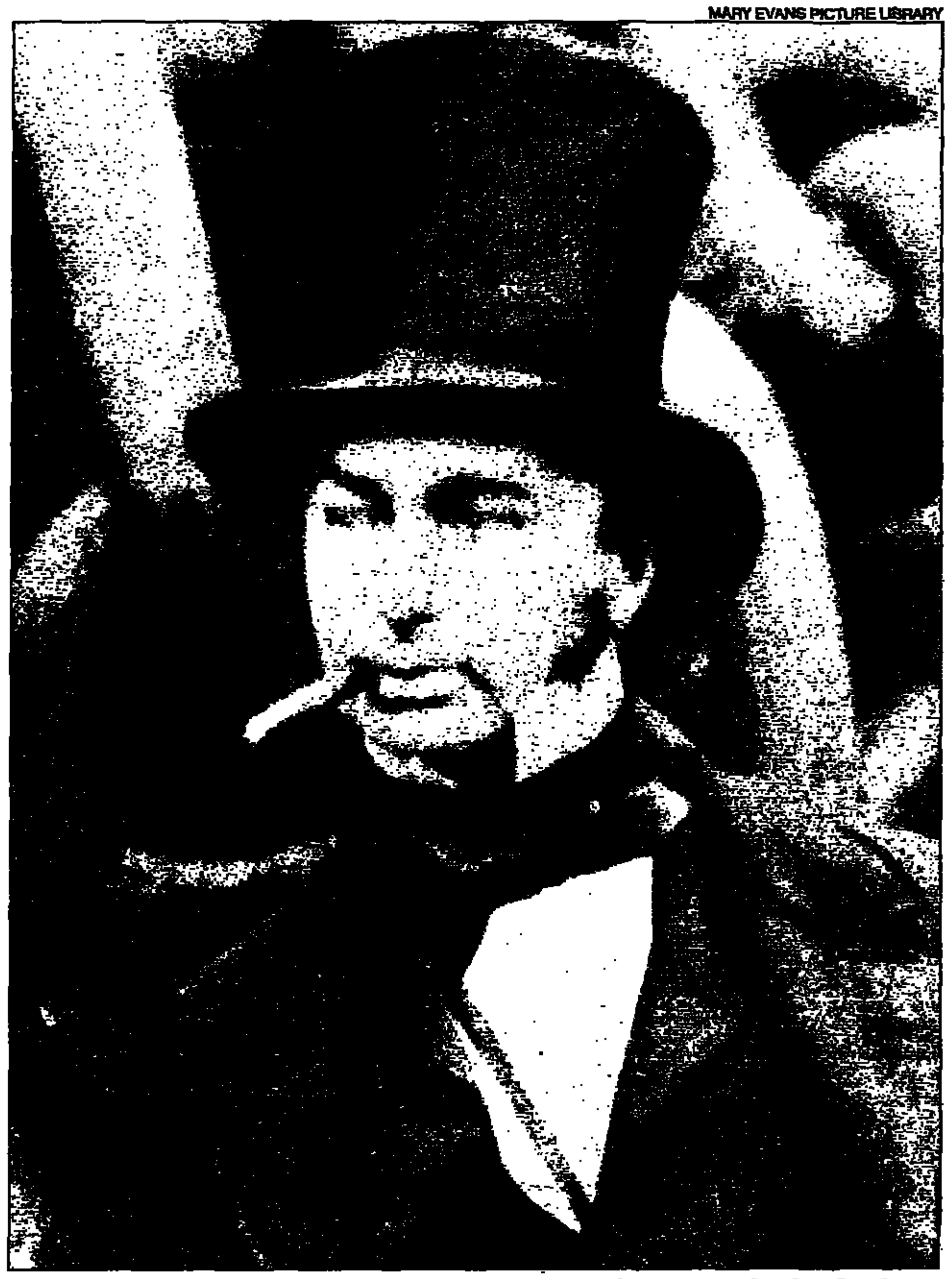

Isambard Kingdom Brunel will keep his cigar in signs promoting Neyland

Brunel nearly loses cigar to political correctness

By Michael Horsnell

A *PASSION* for cigars by Isambard Kingdom Brunel has sparked a dispute over the political correctness of using the great Victorian engineer's image to promote a small Welsh fishing town.

***Brunel used Neyland in* Pembrokeshire as the terminus for his steamships on the Irish sea route, but recent plans to use his likeness to revitalise the town have come unstuck in the local council chamber.**

Some councillors thought the cigar-smoking image might encourage youngsters to take up the deadly weed, even though they recognised that there was no better man than Brunel to stimulate the local economy and encourage tourism.

The first phase in the plan, for which Pembrokeshire County Council earmarked £10,000, was to highlight Neyland's links with Brunel through road signs.

Brace Harvatt, media consultants in Haverfordwest, *came up with a chocolate and* cream scheme to duplicate the colours of Brunel's Great Western Company. His portrait in stovepipe hat and cigar was then added to the road signs to be placed at the entrance to the town.

"There was concern at the general purposes committee about the cigar and the kind of message we were sending out in the light of the Governent's proposed ban on advertising cigarettes," council member Ken Edwards said. "There we were, promoting Neyland with a man with a cigar in his mouth. Although I'm an occasional cigar smoker myself, in the context of what we know now about smoking it's something you cannot ignore."

But fellow council members were *quick to defend the* striking artwork. Simon Hancock said: "I think it was taking policital correctness a little to extremes." His views were shared by a majority and, when the matter was discussed at a subsequent meeting of the full council, earlier concerns were swept aside and it was decided to accept Brunel as he was.

"The signs can do nothing but enhance the image of the town and I cannot imagine anyone would take them as an advertisement for smoking," Mr Hancock said.

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waiting to see whether the legislation would prevent coverage on British screens of hundreds of events in countries where tobacco sponsorhip is not banned.

Announcing the ban, Mr Dobson dismissed claims by the companies that advertis*ing and sponsorship served* merely to encourage existing smokers to change brands rather than to entice new customers. He said the legislation was part of a concerted programme to reduce tobacco consumption "using every possible lever of government".

"We recognise that some sports, like smokers, are heavily dependent on tobacco sponsorship," he said. "We do not wish to harm these sports. We will therefore give them time and help to reduce their dependency on the weed and *replace it with sponsorship* from more benign sources."

Mr Dobson was cheered by the 1,500 delegates. Christine Hancock, the college's general secretary, said: "We are absolutely delighted. Tobacco is the single worst cause of preventable death. It is a disgrace that no Government until now has taken appropriate measures on this significant issue."

Sir Rodney Walker, chairman of the English *Sports* Council and the Rugby League, said many sports would have trouble finding *alternative sponsors* and Robert Holmes, chairman of the British Darts Organisation, said: "Darts is under threat — It's a huge blow."

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Sinn Fein pair make a meal of visit to Commons

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

GERRY ADAMS and Martin McGuinness made a stage-managed appearance at Westminster yesterday ensuring maximum publicity for Sinn Fein on the eve of local government elections in Northern Ireland.

The two newly elected Sinn Fein MPs arrived 36 hours before an official ban takes effect. Until then, they are allowed to use the facilities of the Palace and yesterday they were provided with a glimpse of all that would be on offer if *they were to swear the Oath of* Allegiance to the Queen.

The MPs for Mid Ulster and West Belfast walked through the members lobby, passed the statues of Winston Churchill and Lloyd George and, *accompanied by Tony Benn,* walked through the empty chamber and passed the dispatch box.

After lunch, the two visited the Commons terrace to sample its unrivalled views of the River Thames. The Sinn Fein MPs paced up and down as they waited for TV cameras to film them from Westminster Bridge but left after more than 20 minutes when they were told the Radio Telefis Eireann crew had been unable to get on to the bridge because of building work.

As he left the terrace, Mr Adams said: "It's the most restful period we have had for 25 years."

The MPs held more than two hours of meetings with Peter Jennings, the Serjeant at Arms, and Donald Limon, Clerk of the House, about the restrictions imposed by Miss Boothroyd. Mr Adams said: "We are here in the first place to challenge what we see as a discriminatory measure being taken against people who voted *for our party. As far as we* are concerned the new restrictions are arrogant, they are anti-democratic."

Mr McGuinness said that the meetings with Commons officials had been "courteous" and "civilised" *and that they* had been told that the restrictions imposed on them would not interfere with their right to represent their constituents in dealing with the government.

Last night Mo Mowlam, the secretary of state for Northern Ireland, accused the MPs of engaging in a propaganda exercise. She said: "This is *propaganda in my mind, it is* about media headlines. If they wanted a voice then they would be in the House — they are not, they don't want to be in the House, they just want to get an office and the other bits."

☐ Robert Saulters, Grand Master of the Protestant Orange Order, denied yesterday *that he had agreed to meet* republicans to discuss July's loyalist parade at Drumcree, Co Armagh. He insisted that he would not meet anyone linked to Sinn Fein and the IRA. John Hume, the leader of the SDLP, claimed on Sunday that he had brokered the talks, and said he had cleared his statement with Mr Saulters.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Schoolgirl rape victim withdrawn from class

Parents of a 14-year-old schoolgirl rape victim have withdrawn their daughter from lessons after learning that her alleged attacker, aged 15, was allowed back to sit his exams without their knowledge. North Tyneside education authority defended the decision, saying the boy's bail conditions did not prevent him taking exams *provided he was under super*vision. But the girl's father said yesterday: "Surely in a case like this the accused shouldn't be allowed to go anywhere near the victim? Some of her friends said he *was found wandering alone.*"

Princess returns

Diana, Princess of Wales is to make her second visit to help raise funds for a cancer *hospital founded* by the former cricketer Imran Khan in Lahore, Pakistan. The private three-day visit begins on Thursday, said a spokesman for the Shaukat Khanum Memorial Hospital. The Princess will be guest of honour at a dinner on Saturday.

Caning escape

Two British servicemen threatened with the cane for robbing a taxi driver in Singapore could be handed over to the British military authorities. Unconfirmed reports said it had been agreed that Royal Marine Richard Britten, 22, from Plymouth, and Craftsman John King, 20, from Alford, Aberdeenshire, could face a British court martial.

Historic hearing

Cherie Booth, QC, created her own piece of history yesterday when she became the first Prime Minister's *wife to sit as a judge.* Assistant Recorder Booth, QC, sat in the 13th-century Mayor's and City of London Court hearing the case of a worker suing his former bosses, British Aerospace, for £7,000 *damages over a hernia* he had suffered at work.

Pigeon reprieve

Plans to revoke the licence of Trafalgar's only bird-seed seller have been abandoned. Westminster City Council said yesterday that it had failed to persuade the Department of National Heritage to sanction the removal of the stall. The proposal was seen as a way of reducing the *square's pigeon population* by removing the birds' main food supply.

Virgins celebrate

Fifteen consecrated virgins gathered at Plymouth Cathe*dral to* celebrate the 25th anniversary of the revival of the rite, whose followers live in the community rather than in religious orders as nuns. The service for the Roman Catholic lay women aged 21 to 65 included Elizabeth Bai*ley*, 64, who in 1972 became the first consecrated virgin in Britain since the 3rd century.

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Nurses taken to Saudi murder court in shackles

By Daniel McGrory

TWO British nurses accused of murdering a colleague appeared in court in Saudi Arabia yesterday manacled at the ankles.

Lucille McLauchlan, 31, and Deborah Parry, 41, shuffled uncomfortably in their iron shackles from a prison van into a side entrance of the court for the start of their trial. Both wore traditional black chadors and were flanked by a dozen armed police officers.

Ms McLauchlan, from Dundee, and Ms Parry, from Alton in Hampshire, looked frightened and confused as they were led before three Sharia judges in the Islamic court at Al Khobar. The only time the women spoke was to plead not guilty to murdering Yvonne Gilford when the charges were read to them in Arabic and English.

The pressure group, Fair Trials Abroad Trust, said there was no need for "ankle shackles and such harsh and inhuman behaviour". Amnesty described it as a form of ill treatment.

British diplomats who were allowed to attend yesterday's two-hour hearing at the Eastern District Supreme Court said they did not intend to protest. The women were allowed to speak to William Patey, the British Consul General, who said they had made no complaints about their treatment. Their only anxiety was how long the proceedings might last.

British officials are wary of creating any diplomatic incident with the Saudis, who were sensitive to criticism of their legal system ahead of the trial, which is expected to last until late in the summer.

A diplomatic source said: "The use of ankle restraints is not common just to Saudi Arabia." He pointed to the case of Louise Woodward, the British nanny accused of killing a month-old baby in her care, who was taken to court in Boston in ankle braces. "This form of restraint is used for all transit prisoners in Saudi Arabia. They were not handcuffed."

Stephen Jackobi of Fair Trials Abroad said: "We cannot keep silent as, after all, did not Foreign Secretary Robin Cook say that human rights must now be at the heart of British diplomacy? There was no need for the Saudis to behave in this way. These women were hardly going to escape. It is very unusual to shackle women, not even the Thais do it. I've seldom come across it before, even in harsh Third World countries."

McLauchlan: accused of killing Gilford, below

A spokesman for Amnesty said: "Shackling may be a form of ill treatment and it is disturbing to hear that they had been shackled unless there is a legitimate reason for it. But it would be hard to imagine what that might be. We will be watching the case very closely."

The women could be beheaded in public if they are convicted of murdering their nursing supervisor, a 55-year-old Australian charge nurse. She was found bludgeoned and stabbed to death in her bedroom at the King Fahd military medical complex.

The nurses have been in prison at Dammam for six months after at first confessing to murdering Miss Gilford in what local investigators say was a dispute over a lesbian relationship and borrowed money. Their Saudi lawyer, Salah al-Hejailan, has told the court that the women have since retracted the confessions, which he said were only made on the promise that they would be freed from custody and deported.

Miss Gilford's body was found in her room on December 11. The authorities maintain the two nurses were later followed to a shopping precinct where one was seen to draw money on Miss Gilford's stolen bank card.

A British diplomat who was in court later telephoned the women's families about the proceedings, which were adjourned until today.

A diplomatic source in Saudi Arabia said last night: "We cannot give the family much more detail as we don't know quite how this trial will progress. We had been told that this first session would last no more than a few hours and then be remanded for a fair while but both women have to return tomorrow.

"We are standing by to help their families in any way and if they wish to go to Saudi Arabia we will do everything we can. Both women are in good health, although they are obviously nervous."

The nurses' lawyer said the preliminary hearing was to cover issues such as power of attorney and to agree the dates for future hearings.

"They will fix a date for the prosecutor to read his report and outline the list of evidence," he said. "We will be getting a copy of that and then we will respond to each piece of evidence. We may need many hearings for that."

GILL ALLEN

The Rev Val Hamer modelling a chasuble designed by Jacqui Binns, depicting Christ harrowing Hell

Clergy glory in heavenly creations

By Ruth Gledhill

THE Church gave fashion its blessing yesterday when ten clergy showed off vestments created by some of Britain's top clerical wear designers. The first fashion parade for ministers was billed as a showcase for "All things bright and beautiful" in new and traditional albs, stoles and copes.

The Rev Val Hamer symbolised that blessing when she raised her hands aloft at a preview while modelling a £350 green chasuble. Mrs Hamer, vicar of St Mildred's at Addiscombe, Surrey, said: "I hope people will see from this that a vestment has meaning. My chasuble depicts Christ harrowing Hell and it is beautiful."

The Rev Mike Starkey, 34, strode down the catwalk in one of the most colourful clerical copes in Creation. Mr Starkey, priest-in-charge of St John's, Finsbury Park, north London, is the brother of the fashion model Helen Starkey.

Mr Starkey lifted his arms, revealing the splendour of his cope, named "Genesis", and turned for an elegant exit, marching in tune to the Christian rap music of World Wide Message Tribe.

The Rev Andrew Roberts, a Methodist minister from the West Midlands, modelled a black coat-cum-trouser suit, its front lapels glittering with embroidery. From his designer stubble to his media-aware poses, he was the show-stealer, and had designed the suit himself. "Red, orange and yellow are the colours of the Holy Spirit and the blue and green are the colours of baptism," he said.

"The suit has caused a lot of comment when I have worn it for weddings and other services. I feel it says the Church is relevant to the modern world."

The show, which was previewed to the media yesterday, is open to the public today and tomorrow at the Christian Resources Exhibition at Sandown Park, Esher, Surrey.

New look is goal for Delia

By Peter Foster

DELIA SMITH, not content with raising standards in the burger bars at Norwich City football club, has begun work on her players' dress sense.

The chef and author, who became a director of the club last year, has commissioned a new football strip from the fashion designer Bruce Oldfield. "All the other kits looked baggy, scruffy and out of date so it was time for a change," Mrs Smith said.

Mr Oldfield, who quietly admits to being a Middlesbrough fan, designed the strip by fax while working in Barbados.

Drivers en route to shares bonanza on the buses

By Arthur Leathley, Transport Correspondent

BUS drivers who joined a buyout of their company three years ago are set to take profits of up to £62,000 each from a merger.

Staff on Brighton's Blue Bus network are planning spending sprees on the strength of the £5.7 million deal. One senior manager is believed to be gaining more than £400,000.

More than 200 members of staff bought 10p shares in the management and employee buyout of the company. A rival firm, the Brighton and Hove Bus Company, run by the large Let's Go group, is buying shares at £1.80.

Ray Mills, a driver who stands to gain £62,000, said: "Obviously, I am very pleased to have the money but I won't be going mad with it." He plans a holiday in Canada but expects to put most of his profit into investments for his retirement.

Mr Mills bought 20,000 shares, netting him a £34,000 profit. He later took the chance to buy a further £2,000 worth, delivering an additional bonus of some £28,000.

However, he still has some regrets over the demise of the small bus company. "Deregulation of the buses gave the chance for small companies to grow and then we find that the big companies take over," said Mr Mills, who has been with the company for ten years.

Staff members who bought the minimum 10,000 shares at 10p a share expect to secure a £17,000 profit over three years.

Shareholders are expected tonight to approve the merger at an extraordinary general meeting that will pave the way for the two companies, which have about 360 drivers between them, to merge. Administrative staff fear some redundancies, however. One secretary said: "It's fine for those who have shares but for the rest of us it is going to be a nerve-racking few days."

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Vice boss jailed with tributes for running the flower of his trade

By Daniel McGrory

THE hanging baskets of pansies outside David Baty's home close to Kensington Palace won him a civic award, and only added to his reputation as a nice man, a good neighbour and a kindly boss.

Yesterday a series of tributes over the way he conducted his business were paid at Southwark Crown Court as the flamboyant New Zealander was jailed for 18 months for running a gay brothel 150 yards from the home of Diana, Princess of Wales. The vice squad said it was "probably the happiest male brothel in Britain".

The true nature of his basement business in Palace Gate — amid the luxurious surroundings of embassies and hotels — was discovered after an undercover police operation, though the brothel boasted its own Internet site.

Barry Forward, for the prosecution, agreed that Baty was highly regarded by those who worked for him: "He did all sorts of things for them and helped them with personal problems. They were under no pressure at all. In fact, there were always young men waiting to join and they seemed to leave with regret."

The brothel was in the basment of this house. Vice police it was probably the "happiest" of its kind

Judge Valerie Pearlman was shown letters from contented clients and testimonies from some of the 50 prostitutes, who told how Baty had sent them on "improvement courses".

Linda Stradwick, for the defendce, said the "stylishly decorated" premises had "brightened up the area rather than taking away from it". Alcohol was strictly forbidden.

"Even the probation officer described Baty as refreshing, frank and likeable," she told the court. "There was openness and friendliness. He provided his staff with regular health checks. The place was run to a higher standard than a very good hotel."

She said her client, who admitted living off immoral earnings, had even started paying National Insurance and was about to settle a £60,000 tax bill when police raided the premises.

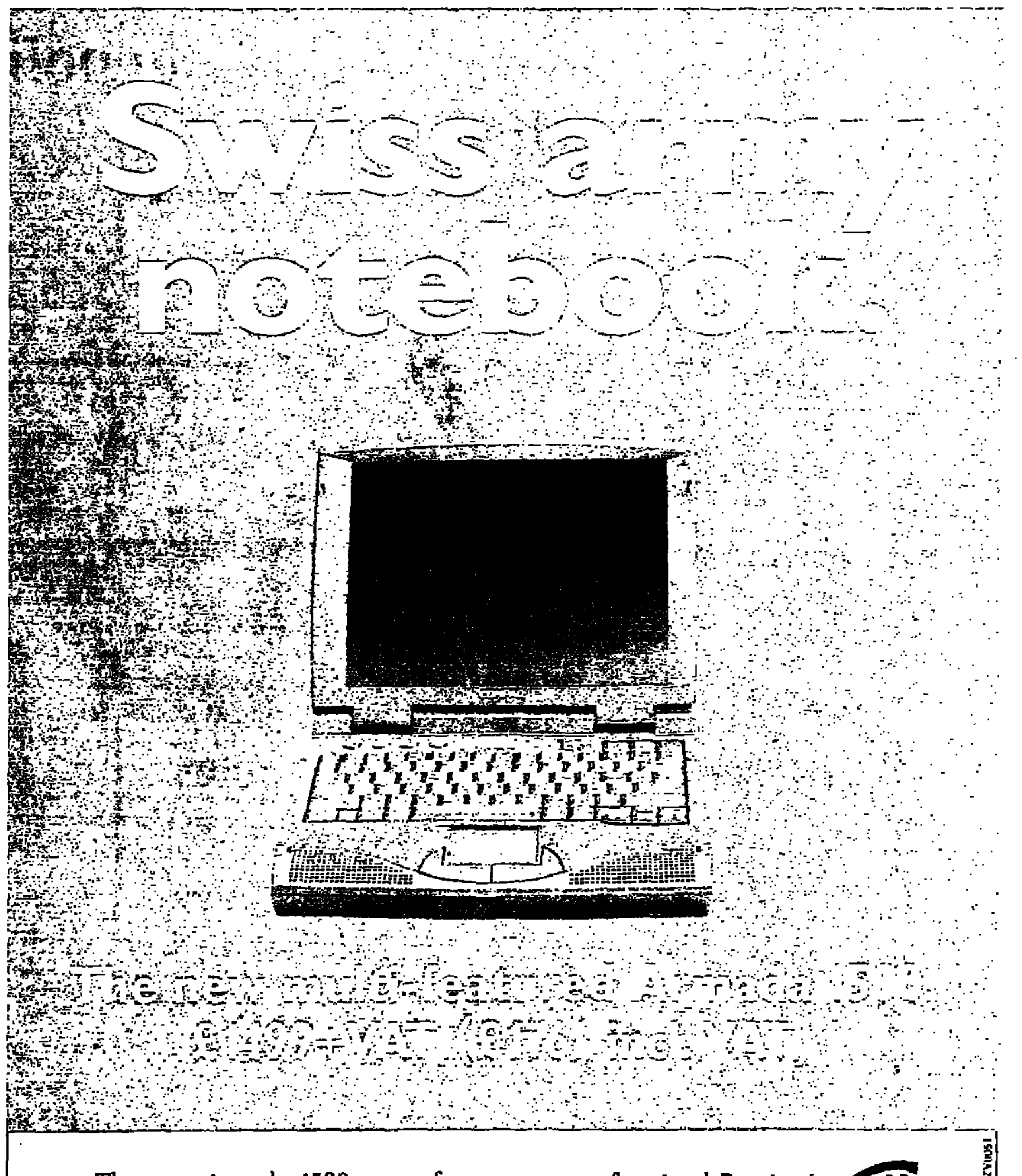
Pleading for a community-service sentence, Ms Stradwick said that Baty, who had since moved out of his £30,000-a-year flat next to the brothel, was hoping to set up a gardening business in Australia: "Gardening is his real love." His hanging baskets had received an award from the Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.

The brothel brought in almost £700,000 in two years. The judge said: "I accept, as both counsel have told me, that you operated a clean, well run business and there was no suggestion of coercion, violence or trickery.

"But you knew what you were doing was against the law. This offence was so serious only an immediate custodial sentence is justified."

After the case, PC Phil Rickard, of the Metropolitan Police Clubs and Vice Unit, said: "He operated in a very plush area and most of his customers wore suits. There were two rules to getting a job — no drink and no bitchiness. I think you could say it was probably the happiest male brothel in Britain."

Residents living in the red brick Victorian mansion block were yesterday disappointed at Baty's sentence. Andre Durand, an artist who lives next door, said: "Everyone around here knew it was a brothel. They were very busy and did good business."



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A cry from the heart for candour in public life

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

The most telling point of Ann Widdecombe's devastating speech is likely to be lost in all the drama of the occasion and its impact on Michael Howard's fight for the Tory leadership. Her central plea was for more candour in public life and a greater willingness by ministers to take responsibility.

The Tories suffered heavily during their final years in office from the feeling that ministers were for ever passing the buck — resorting to "semantic prestidigitation" in Miss Widdecombe's evocative, if hardly catchy, phrase about Mr Howard. That was the burden of the Scott report on the Iraqi arms allegations and a host of similar, smaller affairs. In many cases, ministers had not done anything particularly wrong, but they appeared to be dodging and weaving — often hiding behind their civil servants — to avoid taking direct responsibility.

That cry from the heart, and the soul, about standards in public life is what made Miss Widdecombe's speech so vivid and effective. At times, the thrust was in danger of being submerged by a mass of detail, intelligible only to those who have followed the Derek Lewis affair obsessively. The truth rests on a balance of interpretation about how busy ministers behaved under pressure. A sense of proportion and perspective can easily be lost: in this case, much rests on fine distinctions between "tell" and "instruct" and the mood of a heated meeting.

But the importance of such affairs is that they offer rare glimpses into the workings of government and into the behaviour of senior ministers.

Mr Howard last night, and his allies earlier, attempted to brush aside Miss Widdecombe's charges on the grounds that she had said nothing new and that he was merely doing his duty after the Learmont report had shown severe problems in the Prison Service.

But Mr Howard's counter-attack cannot undo the damage done to his leadership campaign. Unfairly or not, his credibility cannot be restored. That is the way with such attacks from your own side, which often have greater repercussions than criticism from the other side of the House. Miss Widdecombe's speech was reminiscent, on a lesser scale, of Sir Geoffrey Howe's powerful, if more succinct, attack on Lady Thatcher that triggered her downfall in November 1990.

The most interesting face to watch during Miss Widdecombe's speech was not Mr Howard's — his pained and pale expression said it all — but Jack Straw's. The fateful, and much quoted, debate of October 19, 1995, when Mr Howard made his allegedly misleading remarks was also the low point of Mr Straw's period as Shadow Home Secretary. He muffed his attack on Mr Howard because he did not have the evidence to support his attack. Yesterday, at last, he heard that evidence deployed.

Mr Straw and the Government Front Bench obviously enjoyed the reversal of roles. But Miss Widdecombe's speech was also a warning to them not to dodge responsibility.

Earlier, in a solid debut as Home Secretary, Mr Straw promised to take "proper ministerial responsibility for the Prison Service" while leaving it as an executive agency. As a first step, he announced that in future all parliamentary questions about the service would be answered by ministers and not by the Director-General, who is a civil servant.

Whatever the rights and wrongs of the specific charges, Miss Widdecombe's peroration should be read by all ministers. In it she said: "Tough decisions concern a great deal more than instant law and instant dismissals. We demean our high office if we mistreat our public servants. We demean ourselves if we come to this House and indulge in a play of words which may be unsustainable."

PETER RIDDELL

'We left the Prison Service without a leader and we shattered its morale when all was going well'

Widdecombe details her charges against Howard

BY JAMES LANDALE
AND POLLY NEWTON

ANN WIDDECOMBE made a series of allegations yesterday against Michael Howard, the former Home Secretary, in a 40-minute speech to the House of Commons.

Howard's use of Learmont report as pretext to sack prisons chief

The former Home Office minister accused Mr Howard of using the report into several prison escapes as a pretext for sacking Derek Lewis, the then Director General of the Prison Service, in October 1995.

She said there were "serious flaws" in the report, produced by General Sir John Learmont, which should not have escaped Mr Howard. "It is hard to conclude other than that report was his pretext rather than his reason. There is evidence within the Home Office that he had wanted, for a long time before that report was produced, to remove Mr Lewis from his post." She added that the handling of Mr Lewis's dismissal was "deplorable".

Howard told Lewis to suspend prison governor

Miss Widdecombe accused Mr Howard of telling Mr Lewis that John Marriott, the then Governor of Parkhurst prison, should be suspended after a break out of prisoners. This is a key allegation because it shows Mr Howard apparently interfering in an operational as opposed to a policy matter in the Prison Service. She said Mr Howard had denied this accusation when put to him in the Commons by Tony Blair on October 19, 1995.

Parkhurst escapes led Mr Howard to demand suspension of the governor

Miss Widdecombe said: "In other words, he was categorically denying in this House that he had personally told Mr Lewis that the Governor of Parkhurst should be suspended immediately. On *Newsnight* on Tuesday May 13 this year, Mr Howard was far less categoric.

"What he said then was, 'I gave him [Mr Lewis] the benefit of my opinion in strong language'. The *Newsnight* version is the correct one. There is ample documentary evidence that Mr Howard did indeed personally tell Mr Lewis that the Governor of Parkhurst should be suspended."

She added: "In a personal note to me, a very senior civil servant who was present said, 'This was the subject of the worst disagreement. The Home Secretary wanted suspension. Derek Lewis adamantly refused'."

She said that all the docments in the Home Office relating to the affair and all the recollections of civil servants is that Mr Lewis was told to suspend Mr Marriott "and that he was told to take time to reconsider his decision when he refused".

She told the House: "That is a very different picture from the one painted in this House on October 19 when all Mr Howard would admit to was 'wondering' whether suspension might be more appropriate."

Howard tried to overrule Lewis

Miss Widdecombe said that Mr Howard had told the Commons that there was no question of overruling Mr Lewis's decision not to suspend Mr Marriott.

"Oh yes there was. As he blatantly admitted last week and as also evidenced by documentary evidence within the [Home Office], after Mr Lewis had been asked to reconsider his decision, Mr Howard took advice on whether he could instruct Derek Lewis to suspend Marriott ... Mr Howard was advised that he could not instruct him after consultation had taken place with the Cabinet Office and legal advisers within the department.

"It is therefore not true to say that there was no question of overruling the Director General."

Incomplete minutes

Miss Widdecombe said Mr Howard had told MPs that the minutes of the meeting which he placed in the House of Commons library "were the most detailed official account". Miss Widdecombe said: "Those minutes were not a full account. They omit for example the very important fact that Mr Lewis was invited to reconsider his decision."

Derek Lewis: Miss Widdecombe said handling of his sacking was deplorable

Howard's refusal to explain what happened

Miss Widdecombe said there had been much speculation over whether Mr Howard threatened to overrule Mr Lewis if he failed to suspend Mr Marriott.

"We know that he was sent out to reconsider his decision, we know that during that time advice was taken on whether or not he could be overruled.

"It is strange that Mr Howard refused to answer this question 14 times on *Newsnight* last week and was so tongue-tied that he could not explain, as he later claimed, that he was unsure about this element of such a traumatic disagreement and needed to check the papers."

Howard's threat to sack Lewis

Miss Widdecombe said that questions had been raised at that time over whether Mr Howard had not only threatened to overrule Mr Lewis, but also threatened to sack him. "I can confirm that [Mr Howard] did talk about sacking hm that day but not to Mr Lewis himself. Mr Lewis subsequently found out from a third party. It is an indication of the degree of ferocity that existed in that fateful meeting."

Miss Widdecombe said: "Mr Howard has a problem in that his first reaction to attack is denial and refuge in semantic prestidigitation."

She asked why Mr Howard had not come to the Commons and told MPs that he did say Mr Marriott should be suspended, that he "pressured" Mr Lewis to do so, that he told Mr Lewis to reconsider his decision after he refused, and that he considered overruling Mr Lewis. "He could not do so because he had dug a hole for himself over policy and operations and he would never have had to dig such a hole had he been prepared to keep the Director General in place."

Miss Widdecombe said Mr Howard had defended his refusal to deny trying to overrule Mr Lewis by saying "he would have to check the record". He also said that civil servants would have checked his account and would have told him that it was wrong.

This, she said, "contains the familiar sound of Mr Howard looking for scapegoats. Can he really not take responsibility himself for what he said?"

Damage and cost of sacking prisons chief

Miss Widdecombe told MPs: "What did we achieve by the sacking of Derek Lewis? We had to pay Mr Lewis £220,00 in compensation. We had to pay his costs in the sum of £41,000 and our own costs in the sum of £16,000. That unnecessary bill of more than a quarter of a million pounds was the cost to the taxpayer for Mr Howard's decision."

She added that the move "severely damaged" the Government's relations with the private sector over prisons and created a "false distinction between policy and operations which has reverberated around the whole of Whitehall.

"We left the Prison Service without a confirmed leader for five months and we shattered its morale just at a time when all had been going well."

She asked if Mr Lewis's sacking eliminated the "disasters" in the Prison Service. "No. Only a few months later, approximately 541 prisoners were released before the end of their sentence. They did not even have to break out."

Museums may have to pool resources

BY DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

LOCAL museums are so strapped for cash that one in Shropshire was forced to display a replica because it could not afford adequate security, Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the National Arts Collections Fund, the country's largest art charity, said last night. Others cannot even afford the train fare to look at potential acquisitions for their collections.

In a lecture delivered at the British Museum Sir Nicholas expressed dismay at the financial problems facing museums. However, he said that it was "very unlikely that all the problems are due to inadequate funding" and called on every museum director to consider further savings. A pooling of service costs was a possibility, he said, and there might even be amalgamation or transfers of collections from one museum to another.

"Here in the capital, it strikes me that there is room for some rationalisation in the field of works on paper. Can every single museum throughout the country really justify its continuing independent existence?"

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Vokes: hit at 60mph

Joyrider jailed for killing BBC man

By Michael Horsnell

A TEENAGE joyrider trying to escape from police in London's theatreland ran down and killed a BBC film editor, a court was told yesterday. Roger Vokes, 33, died after being hit at 60mph.

The driver, Russell Lyon, 19, from Cambridge, was arrested at the scene and admitted causing death by dangerous driving. He was jailed at the Old Bailey for three years and nine months.

His 17-year-old passenger, Steven Lee, also from Cambridge, was convicted of aggravated vehicle-taking and theft and sentenced to 12 months in youth custody. He had previous convictions for burglary and theft.

Lyon had given evidence for the Crown against Lee in which he said that, together with two other youths, they had stolen the red Vauxhall Astra SRI from a multi-storey car park in central Cambridge in January.

Simon Denison, for the prosecution, said Lyon had driven to the West End of London with Lee as his passenger. When they realised they had been spotted by police in a van, the pair tried to escape by driving at 80mph along Charing Cross Road.

Mr Vokes, the father of a five-week-old daughter and a son aged three, from Milton Keynes, was hit crossing Tottenham Court Road.

Chelsea uproots the municipal past in favour of back-garden beauty

By Alan Toogood
Horticulture Correspondent

THE Chelsea Flower Show is changing. In the great marquee there are none of the ambitious and flamboyant displays beloved of local authorities. No massed ranks of vibrant colours and carpet bedding. Exhibits this year are generally smaller and packed with plants and ideas that should appeal to ordinary gardeners.

The show, which opens to Royal Horticultural Society members today, is also the launch pad for new plants, including roses. David Austin Roses, of Albrighton, West Midlands, has launched five of its latest cultivars, including "Geoff Hamilton", with strongly fragrant pink flowers in the old roses style, named after the television gardener who died last year.

To mark its centenary, Notcutts Garden Centres, of Woodbridge, Suffolk, has a new rose, "Centenary", a warm pink floribunda that flowers in great profusion.

Delphiniums are a Chelsea perennial, and Blackmore and Langdon, of Pensford, Bristol, exhibitor of many years' standing, has a new cultivar "Pandora" with sky-blue flowers.

Diascias are in vogue and are among the top colour providers for patio containers, flowering from spring to autumn. Blooms, of Bressingham, Norfolk, is showing what it believes to be the first variegated-leaved cultivar, "Belmore Beauty". The flowers are deep pink but it is the bright gold and green foliage that catches the eye.

There can be few exhibitors bold enough to show just one variety of plant but the Guernsey Clematis Nursery, of St Sampson, *Guernsey*, has done just that. The new *Clematis* "Blue Moon" is rather special, though. Raised by the nursery owner Raymond Evison, this large-flowered cultivar is a beautiful shade of lilac blue and flowers in late May and June and again in August and September. The best colour is achieved in shade. Being compact, it is ideal for patios.

Another new climber is shown in the cottage-style front garden created by Roger Harvey Garden World, of Stevenage, Hertfordshire. A vine, *Vitis coignetiae* "Claret Cloak", growing on the wall of the house, has large, rich coppery purple leaves which, in autumn, turn to scarlet and crimson. Dibley's Nurseries, of Ruthin, North Wales, is displaying the popular pot plant, streptocarpus, in which it specialises. Among the latest hybrids, raised on the nursery, is the vigorous "Rhiannon", with white flowers, striped purple in the throat and flushed with mauve on the outside.

Peter J. Smith, of Ashington, West Sussex, grower of alstroemerias or princess lilies, is launching his new dwarf cultivar, "Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother". It is a superb plant for the conservatory, patio container or garden, with cream flowers flushed with pink and a yellow flare on the upper petal. In its large *display of conifers*, Lincluden Nursery, of Bisley Green, Surrey, is showing for the first time a small conifer for patio containers or rock gardens, *Podocarpus* "County Park Fire". Raised by County Park Nursery, of Hornchurch, Essex, specialist in New Zealand plants, the foliage, when young, is cream-yellow, turns salmon pink, becomes green in summer and purple-bronze in winter.

Another exhibit that relies on foliage only is the display from Rickards Hardy Ferns, of Tenbury Wells, Hereford and Worcester. It shows the diversity of form to be found in ferns, among them New Zealand tree ferns such as the silver-backed *Cyathea dealbata*, and the black-stemmed *C. medullaris*. Not totally hardy, they are ideal for a cool conservatory.

Stapeley Water Gardens, of Stapeley, Cheshire, proves that it is not necessary to have a garden pool to enjoy aquatic plants. It is launching water plants in black plastic pots, which can be placed on a patio or window sill or submerged in a garden pond.

The exhibit from the London Borough of Hackney is a display of plants sold by Loddiges Nursery, based in Hackney between 1771 and 1852 and at the time one of the foremost nurseries in England. The nursery introduced many new plants to Britain and some can be seen in the display, such as the black-stemmed bamboo (*Phyllostachys nigra*), the oak-leaved hydrangea (*H. quercifolia*) and violas. The exhibit is to be reconstructed in Shore Gardens, Hackney, after the show.

Chelsea is particularly strong on overseas horticulture, and exhibitors come from as far afield as Australia. Kings Park and Botanic Garden, of Perth, Western Australia, has staged a display of Western Australian wild flowers, from lush and arid habitats.

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GILL ALLEN

John and Norma Major admire a bay tree during a visit to the Chelsea Flower Show yesterday

Bentine: champion

Flypast for Bentine as Goon is not forgotten

By Robin Young

THE Red Arrows appeared in perfect V-formation over London yesterday as they paid tribute to Michael Bentine, erstwhile Goon and the only native Peruvian RAF officer to have been born in Watford.

Fellow former Goons Spike Milligan and Sir Harry Secombe were among celebrities, family and friends at St Paul's Church in Covent Garden for a memorial service. Sir Harry said of the *It's a Square World* creator: "Michael invented an absurd world where anything was possible. Now he is up there somewhere, he may have been put in charge of the weather. If we have a heatwave at Christmas, we will know who is responsible."

The broadcaster Raymond Baxter said that Bentine showed an affection for the RAF that the service had signally failed to reciprocate, first refusing him recruitment because of his Peruvian nationality, then having him arrested as a deserter while he was pursuing his alternative bent as an actor.

Bentine stayed on as an intelligence officer, "revelling in the fact that aircrews ritually dropped their chemical toilet as a final parting shot on their target", and became a champion of the RAF Benevolent Fund.

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Industry faces water curbs to help the environment

By Nick Nuttall

WATER companies, industry and farmers face curbs and higher charges on water pumped from rivers, lakes and underground boreholes under proposals outlined yesterday by John Prescott.

Speaking at a water summit in London, the Deputy Prime Minister signalled that the economics of the water industry must now take account of the environmental damage to wildlife and wetland areas caused by over-abstraction. He said that many of the thousands of licences which allow companies to pump water from the countryside were out of date, and the Department of the Environment was launching a review.

"This review will examine ways in which environmentally damaging abstractions, which often date from the issue of licences of right in the very different circumstances of the 1960s, can be equitably curtailed," said Mr Prescott. Michael Meacher, the Environment Minister, said the review would also include arrangements for revoking licences in areas where pumping was causing significant environmental damage. The system needed to better protect wildlife and areas where water was used for *leisure and "quiet enjoyment"*.

The summit, attended by representatives from green groups, the water industry, consumer groups and the Environment Agency, was called after three years of drought.

Mr Prescott announced five years of mandatory targets to reduce leaks from water supplies, which would be reviewed annually. The targets are to be set shortly by the regulator, the Office of Water Services (Ofwat). He said: "Leakage of water from pipes is too high. An average of nearly 30 per cent of the water leaks away before *customers can use it*.

"People are rightly outraged when their supply is restricted but know millions of gallons of treated water are being allowed to leak away. But on top of that, water lost through leakage means higher abstractions and an ever greater strain on the water environment."

Ian Byatt, the water regulator, said that failure to meet the targets would carry penalties, and could lead to water companies being put into the hands of an administrator from Ofwat.

Other announcements, some of which *were foreshadowed in The Times* yesterday, include a demand that companies offer free leak repairs for domestic customers, and water audits of homes. The Government will be looking at ways to tighten regulations so that appliances such as dishwashers, washing machines and showers use less water. Mr Prescott also promised a review of the way charges were *levied* for water.

The summit signalled a weakening of Labour's opposition to water metering as a means of curbing demand. Mr Meacher said the Government supported selective metering of homes with big gardens and swimming pools, but remained opposed to compulsory metering, with concerns over the impacts in low-income and large family households, and where medical conditions required larger than usual amounts of water.

Mr Meacher said they were also keen to see improved compensation *for customers whose supplies were* disrupted because of drought and also in cases where, because of contamination, households were forced to boil water.

The Government stopped short of backing a Water Saving Trust funded by a levy on companies' profits. But ministers want companies to report back in three weeks on how they might use the Environmental Task Force for promoting water efficiency schemes, such as the installation of plastic containers in cisterns to reduce the flush capacity of a *lavatory*.

Nurses cheer as Dobson dashes their pay hopes

By Ian Murray, medical correspondent

Dobson: promised to dismantle Tory reforms

FRANK DOBSON told nurses yesterday that they could not expect a large pay rise in the foreseeable future — and was cheered loudly by them as he did so.

"Times are difficult and settlements will be tight," the *Health Secretary told* the Royal College of Nursing annual conference in Harrogate, North Yorkshire. "You know as well as I do that we have to live within our means."

He succeeded in putting his bleak message across by wrapping it in a speech which had the 1,500 delegates cheering and clapping as he attacked the health service reforms introduced by the Conservatives and promised to dismantle them as quickly as possible.

The treasured health service principles of fairness, quality and equality had been breached by the outgoing government, he said. "The changes they introduced have *created a two-tier system*. That system is unfair to patients, it is repugnant to those of you who are forced to become involved in the unfairness, and it is costing a fortune in bureaucracy, red tape and invoices. That is why we will get rid of it. We will get rid of the internal market."

After that, Mr Dobson could say nothing wrong. The delegates, who gave him a *standing ovation before he* even began to speak, repeatedly interrupted with cheers when he mentioned Labour's promises and hisses and boos when he referred to 18 years of Tory government.

His promises were nevertheless cautious. Although the internal market was hated, there was to be no quick end to it, and he told the nurses that they, rather than "overpaid management consultants", would have their part to play in working out the future. Systems for change would be tried and tested on a small scale.

He accepted *that* pay and conditions needed to be high enough to attract high-calibre recruits and keep trained nurses. "When it costs £35,000 to train a nurse we can't really afford to have 140,000 qualified nurses not working in the profession." But nobody went into nursing to make a fortune, Mr Dobson said. He was going to introduce a revised system for national pay negotiations with local flexibility, but money would be tight.

As one step to improve working conditions, he was *working on new guidelines to* reduce the number of assaults on staff working in hospitals. "Nurses, doctors and other NHS staff go to work to earn a living. You are not paid to be the targets of violence. If you were, you'd be in the boxing ring. I am determined to stamp out loutish behaviour that puts you at risk."

There would also be "family-friendly working arrangements" to make it possible for trained nurses to return to the profession after becoming parents. He would back moves to give nurses greater professional responsibilities.

Christine Hancock, the general secretary, said afterwards that the conference had given Mr Dobson the *warmest* reception for a Health Secretary she could remember.

The nurses' latest 3.3 per cent pay award was implemented at the beginning of last month and negotiations on the next one will start early next year.

Militant is poised to lead Whitehall union

By Valerie Elliott
Whitehall editor

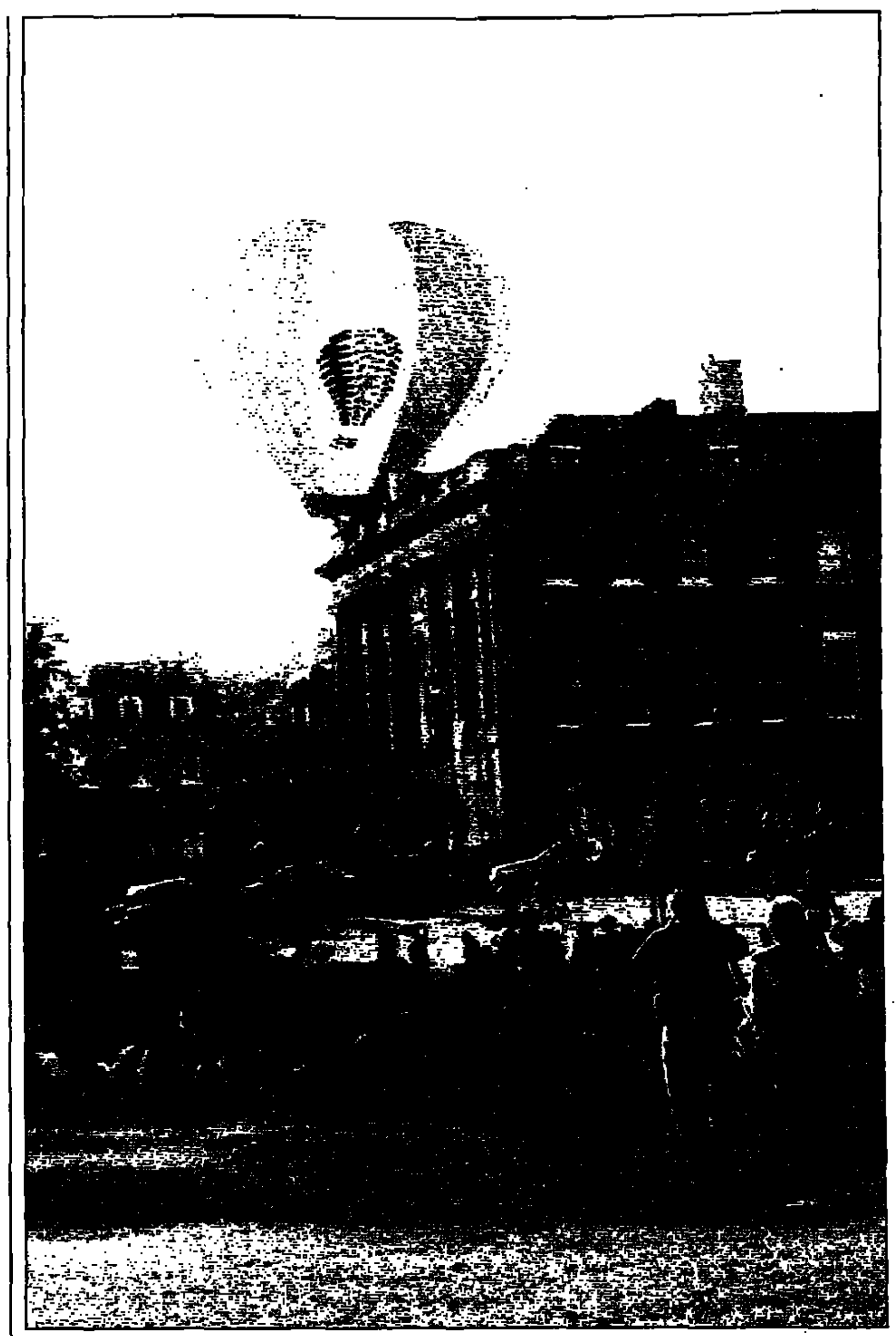
THE hard Left is expected to win control today of a main Whitehall union. John Macreadie, a Militant supporter, is predicted to take over the leadership of the 125,000-member Civil and Public Service *Association*.

Mr Macreadie, 50, says in his election address: "As new Labour has abandoned its socialist principles. I will not be renewing my membership. I am joining the Socialist Party."

The association is expected to merge in the new year with the 152,000-strong Public Services, Tax and Commerce Union (PTC), creating a Whitehall super-union, including many middle-managers among its members.

The PTC's general secretary is likely to retire shortly after the merger. If Mr Macreadie *wins today, new Labour* supporters in the PTC will to try to prevent him leading the merged body.

Clive Brooke, a moderate and joint PTC general secretary who was due to step down before the merger, may be persuaded to stay.



The balloon tangled with chimneys before the crew freed it and sailed on

Firemen inspecting damage on the Bath roofline

Balloon trip turns into air raid as chimneypots topple

By Simon Horsborough

A BALLOONIST crashed into a row of Georgian houses, causing damage estimated at £20,000, *before* floating into the distance. The collision happened seconds after Shaun Pollard, the pilot, took off at the Bath Balloon Fiesta and lost control of his craft, narrowly avoiding buildings in the city's Royal Crescent. There were no injuries.

Yesterday, accident investigators blamed a strong gust of wind for the accident, in which the balloon basket smashed through a fourth-floor bay window and toppled chimneypots.

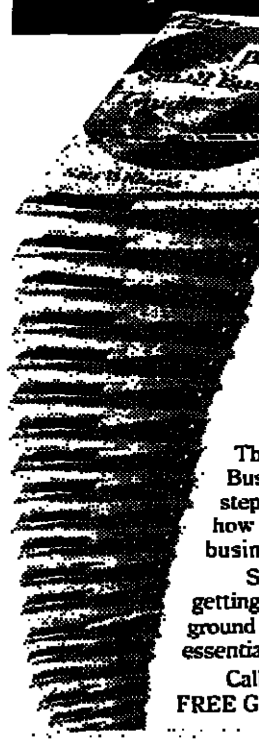
Margaret Stewart, who watched as the balloon hit the flats where she lives, said: "I could hear screaming and I thought, 'My God, what's *happening?'. The balloon was* dragging along the tops of the buildings. I ran out and saw all the debris and phoned the fire brigade." A spokesman *for* Avon Fire Brigade said that firefighters *searched the rubble*, fearing that the pilot or his passengers might have fallen from the basket after impact. He said: "He gave the buildings a real clout. When we arrived there was nothing left of a couple of chimneys and there was Bath stone everywhere."

Julie Bootle, the balloon's owner, said that Mr Pollard and his *two* passengers were unhurt but shaken by the accident on Sunday. "The crew had been trying to right the balloon and were in danger of falling out before getting it airborne again," she said. "At first it looked as if it was going to stay stuck."

A spokesman for the British Ballooning and Airship *Club said that* people whose houses had been damaged would be able to claim on the pilot's insurance.

CORRECTION

A report, "High-tech angling banned as too fishy" (May 8), wrongly *suggested* that Mr Roger Mortimer was covertly using an echo-sounder in a fishing competition. In fact, he used the device quite openly, to the knowledge of other competitors, and for only a short period of time. It did not assist him with his catch.



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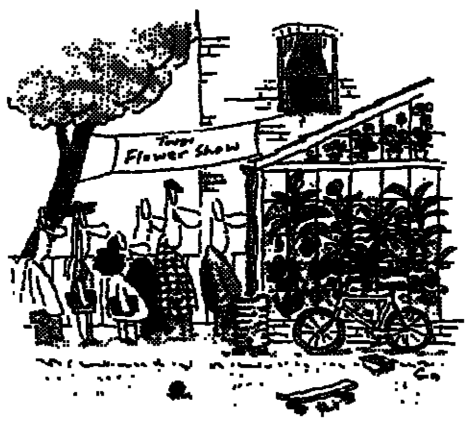

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Codebreakers' transcripts confirm that Churchill had early evidence of the Holocaust

Nazi police competed over execution 'score'

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

GERMAN military police commanders competed to score the highest number of executions in "cleansing operations" as Hitler's armies advanced across Russia in 1941, according to secret radio messages intercepted by British codebreakers.

Regular reports sent to the headquarters of the *Ordnungspolizei (Orpo)* listed mass executions of Jews and *partisans in Russia and* Ukraine, according to the files of German police traffic from 1939 to 1945. The messages, decoded by the mathematicians at the Government Code and Cypher School at Bletchley Park, were released yesterday by the Public Record Office in Kew.

The element of competition between *Orpo sector chiefs is* clear from a message dated *August 7, 1941. After a battle it* was reported that the population of Pazyc had opened fire from their houses as the German units returned.

The decoded message from a police chief read: "I ordered the entire male population of the place to be evacuated ... up to today, midday, a further 3,600 have been executed, so that the total of executions carried out by the Reit Brigade up to now *amounts to 7,819.* Thus the figure of executions *in my area now exceeds the* 30,000 mark." The assessment made by the intelligence analysts at Bletchley Park, Buckinghamshire, concluded: "The tone of this message suggests that the word has gone out that a definite decrease in the total population of Russia would be welcomed in high quarters and that the leaders of the three sectors stand *somewhat in competition with* each other as to their 'scores'."

Himmler: may have authorised killings

Files marked HW16 contain remarkable evidence of German war crimes against the Jews, particularly in the extermination and concentration camps such as Auschwitz, Buchenwald and Dachau, as well as on the Russian Front.

A Bletchley Park report of September 12 1941 stated that the killing of Jews on the *Russian Front by the SS* provided evidence of "a policy *of savage intimidation, if not* ultimate extermination". The intercepted messages confirm that Churchill knew in the early stages of the war that Hitler had embarked on a campaign of massacring Jews.

The information came to the British leader after the successful breaking of the German Enigma code. The material this produced was the greatest secret of the war and *Churchill did not dare* reveal anything that might *compromise the breakthrough.*

Intercepts of the Northern sector of the German police in Russia, whose role was to "clean up" after the German Army had swept through, show the frequency with which higher officials conferred. The impression given was of a "higher direction" authorising all mass executions, focusing on three key figures — Himmler, head of the SS, General Kurt Daluege, chief of the Orpo in Berlin and another senior commander called Prützmann.

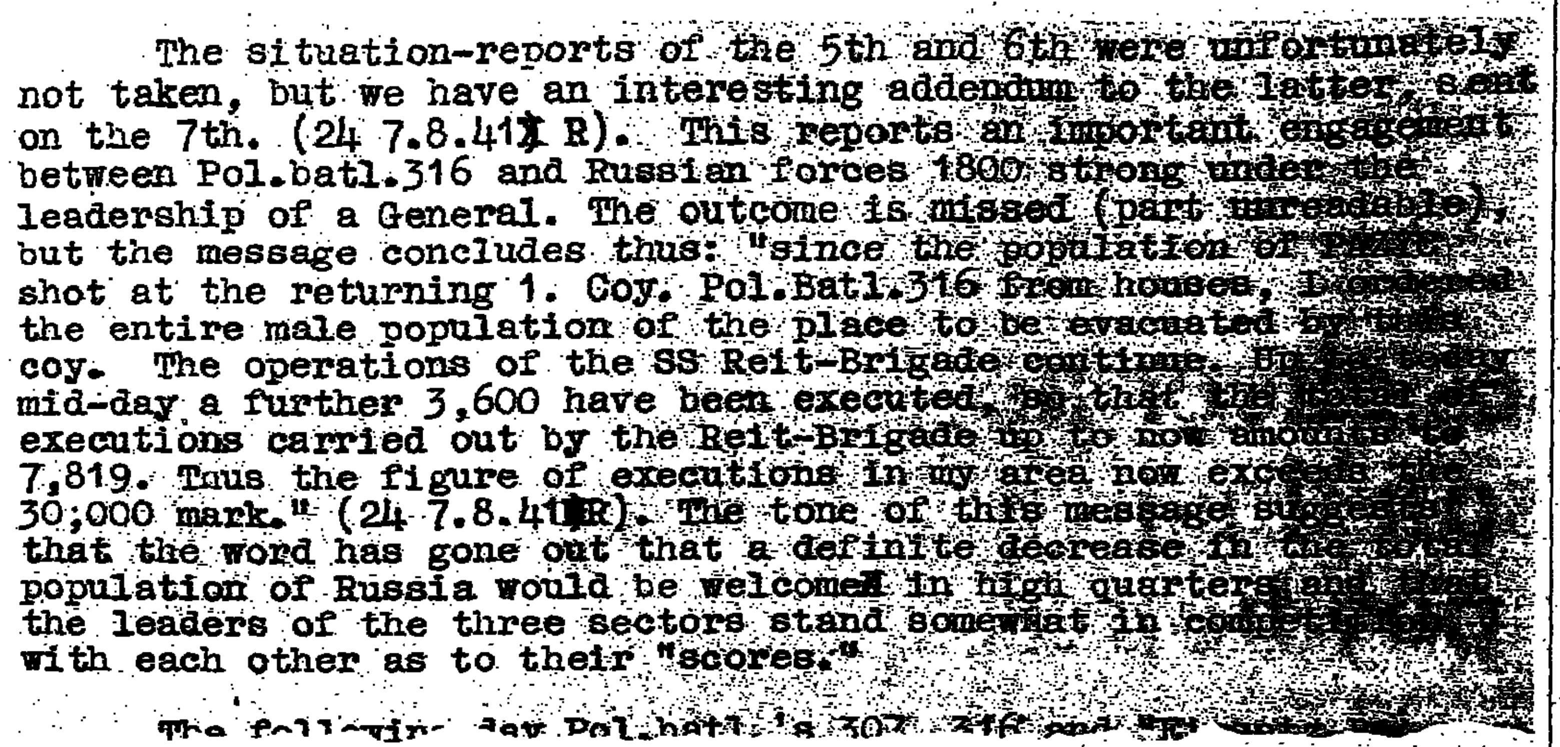
The decoded telegraph traffic referred to "special duties" and there were warnings to *the participants of the secret* killing missions to "hold their tongues". *The language of the* radio messages changed when General Daluege became alarmed that "the unspeakable activities of his police in Russia", might be intercepted by enemy codebreakers.

Figures of executions were compiled under a new heading — *Aktion nach Kriegsbrauch* (action according to the usage of war).

However, "a slip" on the part of the higher SS and police leader in the south in a situation report made it clear to the codebreakers that this was a euphemism for killings. The message from the police chief said: "Police Regiment South: action according to the usage of war — successes, *Police Regiment South* liquidated 1,548 Jews."

The complexities of decoding the keys meant that the number of executions was probably double that recorded by Bletchley Park. Although it was not only the Jews facing the death squads, the messages all referred in general terms to the execution of "Jews". One Bletchley Park document says: "The fact that *this heading* [under Jews] invariably produces the biggest figure shows that this is the ground for killing most acceptable to the Higher Authorities."

One file contains no writing, just page after page of columns of figures representing concentration camp prisoners and numbers of deaths. In a file *marked* HW16-7, the codebreakers reveal that on July 23, 1942 orders were sent out to chief police officers in certain areas of Russia to "reconnoitre suitable buildings for a decontamination station and a gas examination station".



The situation-reports of the 5th and 6th were unfortunately not taken, but we have an interesting addendum to the latter, sent on the 7th. (24 7.8.41 R). This reports an important engagement between Pol.batl.316 and Russian forces 1800 strong under the leadership of a General. The outcome is missed (part unreadable), but the message concludes thus: "since the population of PAZYC shot at the returning 1. Coy. Pol.Batl.316 from houses, I ordered the entire male population of the place to be evacuated by this coy. The operations of the SS Reit-Brigade continue. Up to today mid-day a further 3,600 have been executed, so that the total of executions carried out by the Reit-Brigade up to now amounts to 7,819. Thus the figure of executions in my area now exceeds the 30;000 mark." (24 7.8.41 R). The tone of this message suggests that the word has gone out that a definite decrease in the total population of Russia would be welcomed in high quarters and that the leaders of the three sectors stand somewhat in competition with each other as to their "scores."

The following day Pol.batl.'s 307, 316 and

A Bletchley report tells of executions by German police, who killed thousands of Russian civilians in the wake of the Wehrmacht's advance

☐ *Eastern Front photographs from* The Russian Century *by Brian Moynahan.*

Poodle's day out costs £1,000

A Frenchman has been fined £1,000 after bringing his pet poodle on a day trip to Britain. Yan Provost, 26, was detained by police after the dog was seen sitting in his French-registered van at a service station on the M25.

Provost, a van driver from Laval, near Paris, who was making deliveries of car spares, told police he was not aware of the law against bringing dogs into the country. The poodle had not been inoculated against rabies. Provost appeared before magistrates at Redhill, Surrey.

Bullimore sails

Tony Bullimore, who spent four days in the upturned hull of his yacht during the Vendee solo round-the-world race, is to compete in the Round Europe race. The Birmingham businessman and a crew of five leave Cherbourg on June 1.

£50 kickabout

Peter Naylor, 19, an office clerk who was practising football skills in Kirkham, Lancashire, was fined £20 with £30 costs under the Highways Act 1980 after he admitted playing a game on the street. His ball bounced into the road.

Mountain airlift

A British soldier was rescued by helicopter after falling 40ft while climbing Mount Kinchinjunga in Nepal. Roderick McArthur, from Londonderry, was part of a 15-strong team climbing the 28,170ft peak. He was treated for minor injuries.

Terriers surface

Two Lakeland terriers which disappeared down a farm drainage pipe at Berkeley, Gloucestershire, have been rescued after being trapped underground for three days. They were found six feet down by farm workers using a digger.

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Quick-thinking computer tackles secret of universe

By John Shaw

A SUPER computer at Cambridge University could finally unravel the secrets of the universe, from its creation to the present day. The £2 million Cosmos, which was unveiled yesterday, will test scientific theories against practical observations.

Professor Stephen Hawking, principle investigator of the consortium that brought the computer to Cambridge, said: "The calculations involved are so enormous that they require state of the art machinery."

Cosmos thinks 100 times faster than the latest Pentium Pro personal computer and has 32 high performance R10000 processors and 8,000 megabytes of main memory. It is the largest Origin2000 computer in Britain. Although it is based at the university, it is owned and run by the UK Computational Cosmology Consortium.

The inter-disciplinary team working with the machine includes particle cosmologists and astrophysicists. Its members come from Cardiff, Durham, Oxford, Sussex and London Universities, Imperial College and the Royal Observatory, Edinburgh.

"The inter-disciplinary nature of this team is one of the great strengths of this work," said Professor Alex Broers, vice-chancellor of the university, at the launch ceremony.

Hawking: the team's *principal investigator*

Dr Paul Shellard, director of the new facility, said: "Our mission is to push back our understanding of the first fractions of a second after the Big Bang, to unravel the enigmas and mysteries.

"In recent years interest in cosmology has exploded, driven in part by novel theoretical ideas connecting the formation of galaxies in our universe with fundamental high-energy theory and relativity.

"Many of these ideas about the early universe were first proposed in this country and on Cosmos their mathematical models can now be realised and directly compared with a rapidly growing body of observational data about the universe. We can get results in days instead of waiting months or even years."

Professor Hawking, whose book *A Brief History of Time has sold eight million copies*, initiated the partnership that brought the computer to Cambridge during a visit to the headquarters of Silicon Graphics, which created the machine, at the company's headquarters in California.

Money for Cosmos came from a variety of sources, including the Higher Education Funding Council for England and the Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council. Britain is a world leader in cosmology and members of the consortium said the super computer would help to maintain that advantage into the next century.

At present there are two theories about the growth of the universe: the inflation theory of rapid expansion after the Big Bang and the defect theory that the universe evolved in a phased transition, producing defects at certain points in its development.

Professor Hawking told a lecture later: "My money is on inflation, but we shall have to wait and see. It is such an elegant solution I am sure God would have chosen it."

The defect theory has been developed by Professor Neil Turok, a colleague at Cambridge. But he said the simplest version of this explanation was incompatible with initial data produced by the computer based on satellite and telescopic observations.

However, he said: "I am still encouraged, because it is progress even if this is ruled out. There are variations on these theories so it's really a mixed picture at the moment."

He said the findings would be reported at conferences in the next two months and would also be published in the specialist magazine *Physical Review*. He said technical advances and the flow of information "have made us convinced we are on the verge of a golden age in cosmology.

"We want to crack the code of the universe," he said. "We want to be the Watson and Crick of cosmology." James D Watson and Francis Crick were two young scientists who solved the riddle of DNA while working at Cambridge in 1953. Their laboratory was half a mile from the Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics that houses Cosmos.

NASA

Cosmos will compare theories with observations such as these images captured by the Hubble Space Telescope

Passenger sues over bus that failed to turn up

By Paul Wilkinson

A PROFESSOR is suing a public transport authority because his bus failed to turn up. He wants his £2.80 taxi fare and £10 court costs.

Robert Stanton, 77, a semi-retired botany professor, formerly at the University of Malaya, waited for the minibus last March after a visit to the Haworth parsonage in west Yorkshire. He says that he stood for more than two hours without seeing the bus scheduled to take him to his home village of Stanbury, a mile down the road. The temporary shuttle had been introduced while a bridge was closed for repairs.

Dr Stanton, who helped to pioneer the development of Quorn, the soya substitute for meat, said that the link service was not reliable. He is suing West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive, which has overall responsibility for transport in the region. "The bus times are a shambles. They don't know how to work a transport system," he said.

The transport executive is defending the action, saying it is not responsible for Calder Coaches, which runs the minibus. It successfully applied to have the case transferred from Keighley County Court to Leeds for yesterday's hearing, despite Dr Stanton's request that it should be heard at Keighley for his convenience.

He claimed that he arrived at Leeds yesterday to be told that the case would be adjourned until Thursday because the transport authority's solicitor was going to the Chelsea Flower Show. A spokesman for the executive said: "Proceedings are still active and so we cannot comment on this matter."

Dr Stanton, who is an expert on agriculture, horticulture and microbiogenetics, is working on a project to produce starch from sago palm suitable for making bread and spaghetti.

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Record rise in vegetarianism gives meat trade food for thought

By Michael Hornsby
Agriculture Correspondent

A RECORD three million Britons are now vegetarian, an increase of 20 per cent over the past two years, it was claimed yesterday. For the first time, the trend has risen faster among men than women.

The figures, from a Gallup poll, appear to scotch hopes that the meat industry is recovering from the public concern over BSE. Graham Keen, sales and marketing director of the vegetarian supplier Realeat, part of the Haldane Foods Group which commissioned the poll, said: "The survey was done in March, a year after the latest scare over BSE started. It has been argued by some that things were getting back to normal for the meat industry. These *figures show that is not the* case and that record numbers of people are consciously making permanent changes to their lifestyle."

The poll suggests that more than 5,000 people have been turning to vegetarianism each week over the two years. A record 5.4 per cent of the adult population say they no longer eat any kind of meat or fish. The total includes 1,114,000 men — an increase of 37 per cent — and 1,910,000 women, up by 12 per cent. There are an estimated 224,000 vegans, who additionally eschew milk, eggs and other animal-derived products.

Another eight million people — a record 14.3 per cent of the population — are avoiding "red" meats, such as beef and lamb, while still eating fish and poultry. This is an increase of 21 per cent on the last survey, conducted in 1995.

The number of people citing BSE or "mad cow disease" as a reason for eating less meat rose from 7 per cent in 1995 to 22 per cent. However, 24 *per cent* gave *taste* as their *main* reason for cutting back. Eight per cent cited moral grounds.

Scottish men remain the biggest meat-eaters, with only 1.6 per cent succumbing to vegetarianism. The poll, in line with previous surveys, shows the most affluent socio-economic groups are *leading the* anti-meat trend and are also the most concerned about the health aspects of diet.

Chris Dessent, of the Vegetarian Society, said: "This is fantastic news and shows that people have been switching to vegetarianism even faster than we thought or hoped."

But the Meat and Livestock Commission, the quango set up to promote the meat industry, dismissed the extent of the findings. A spokesman said: "The Releat company *comes up with similar findings* every year.

"Our own surveys show that consumption of all types of meat has remained steady at between 63 and 64 kilograms a head a year for the past 30 years."

Gallup interviewed 4,200 people over the age of 16 throughout Britain for the survey, conducted between March 5 and March 18 this year.

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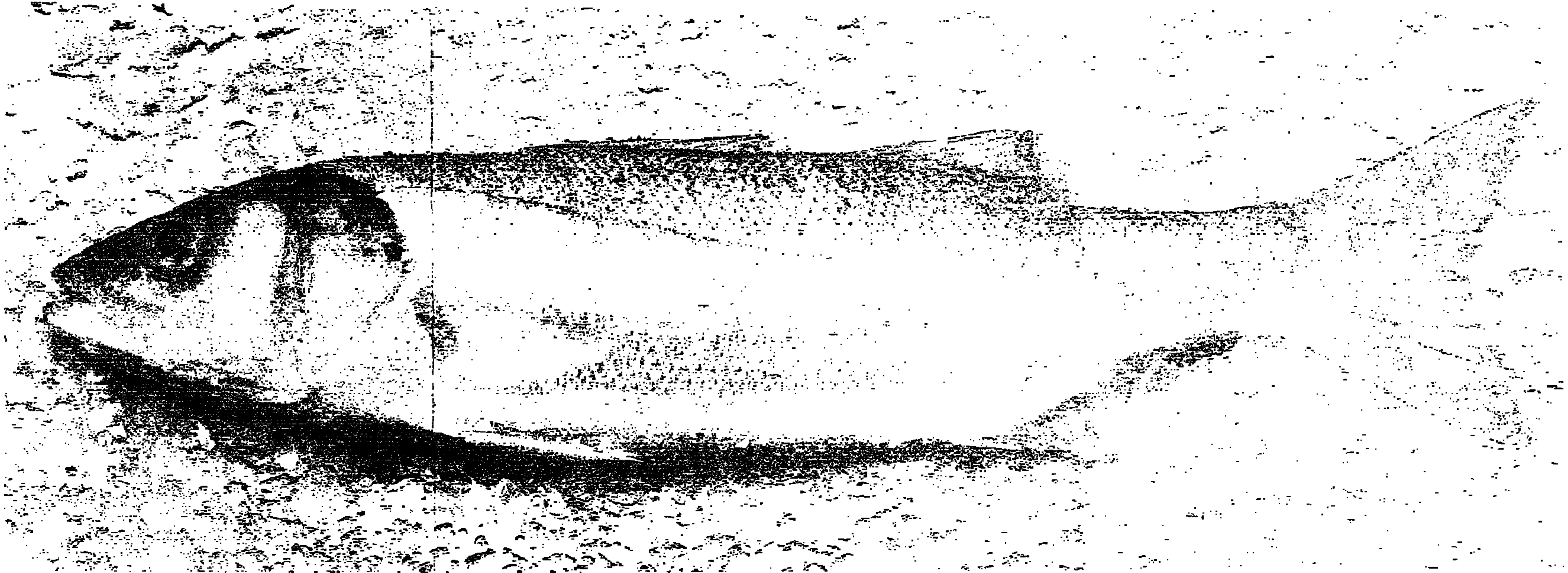

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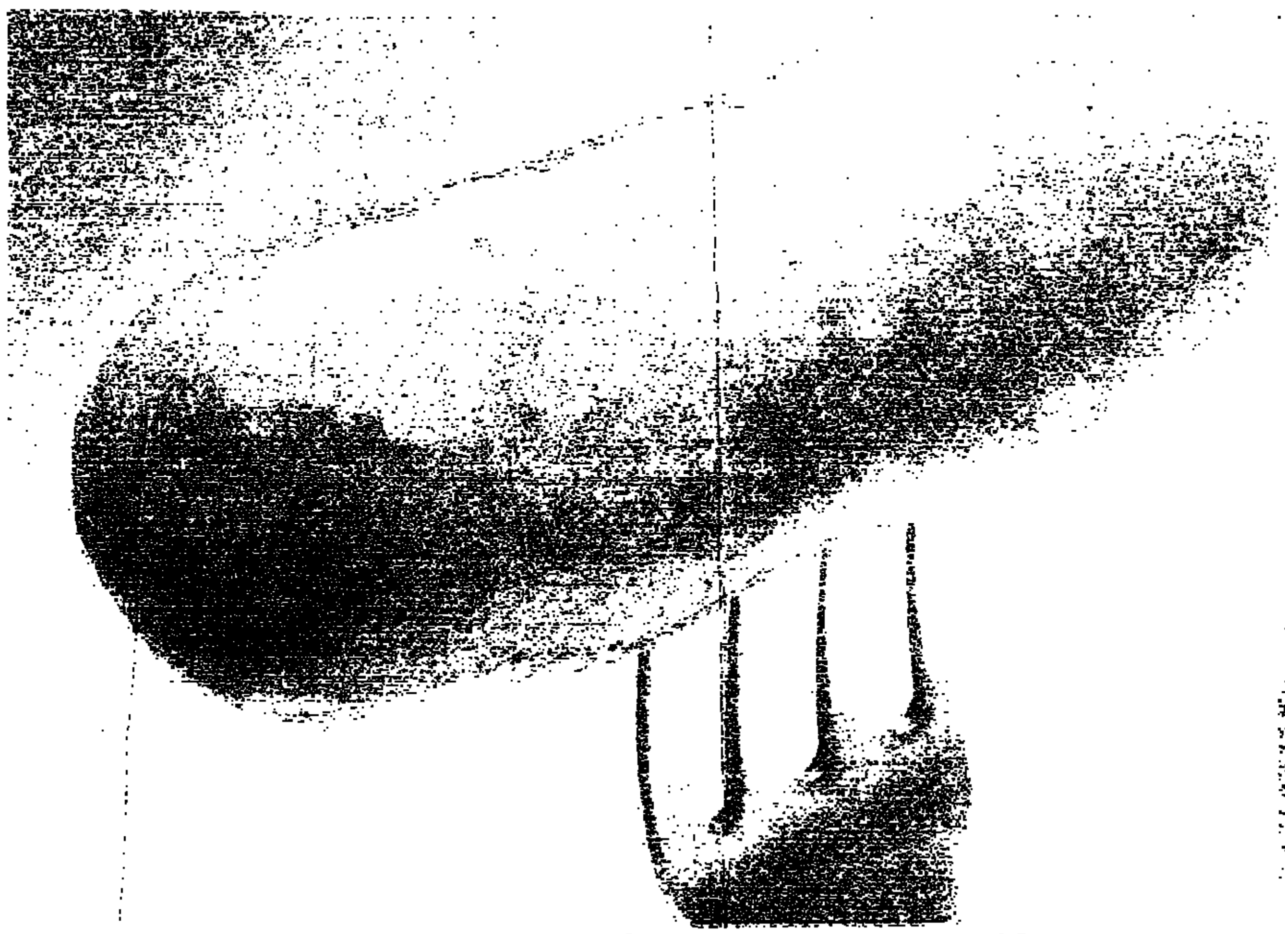

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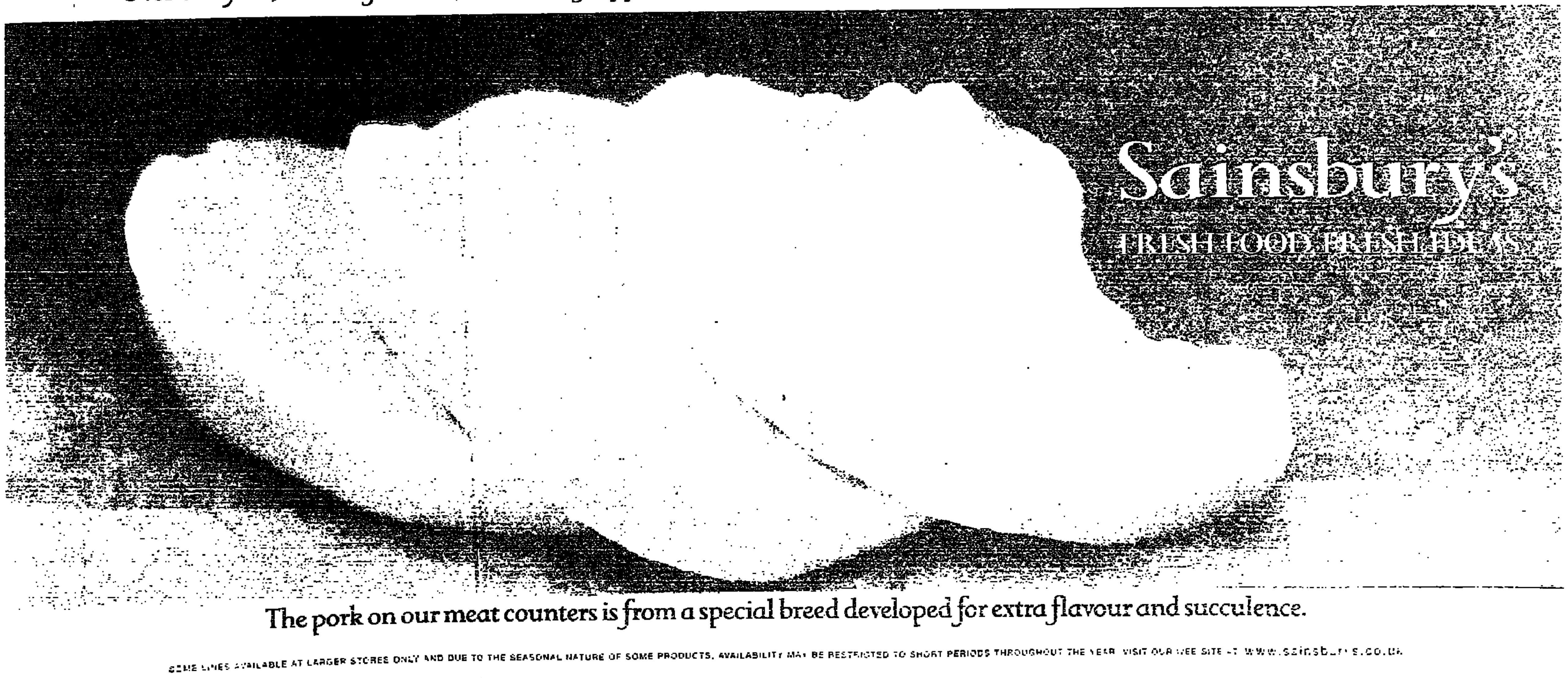

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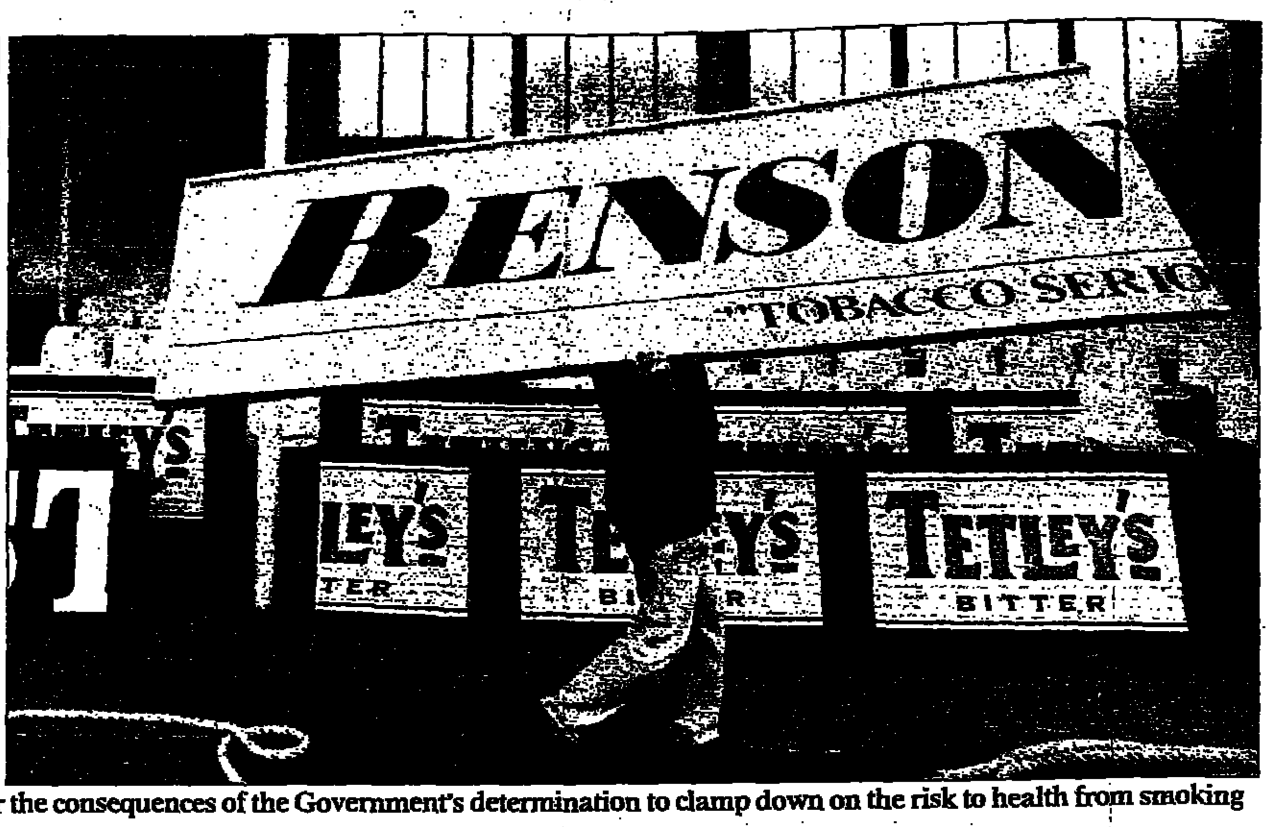
Ban on tobacco sponsorship could force major championships out of the country



Rugby, cricket and snooker, each with long-standing links with tobacco firms, are among sports that fear the consequences of the Government's determination to clamp down on the risk to health from smoking

Sports bodies fear £9m 'black hole' in their finances

By Adrian Lee

SPORTS bodies greeted the Government's plans to ban tobacco sponsorship with a mixture of dismay and trepidation as they confronted the prospect of a £9 million hole in their finances .

The prospect of having to find alternative sponsors most daunted low profile sports such as ice-hockey and angling. Motor racing is likely to find it easier to replace its sponsorship deals than rival sports.

However, some insiders made dark threats about the future of the British Grand Prix and suggested a move was possible to the Far East where sponsorship rules are more flexible. One expert said that several European races could be switiched to "tobacco-friendly" countries including Malaysia, Thailand, Korea and China.

The FIA, the organising body of Formula One, reacted cautiously to the annoucement but Karen Earl, who arranges sponsorship for the tobacco company Gallaher, said: "If the sport wants to keep them [the companies] on board it will have to look at countries where they are more flexible on advertising."

Ian Doyle, a leading snooker manager who looks after the affairs of the World No 1, Stephen Hendry, and 11 other prominent players, said: "If the ban was to take effect immediately it would be our worst nightmare. Not only would it wreck snooker but sport in general."

His words were echoed by the British Darts Organisation (BDO). Robert Holmes, a BDO spokesman, said: "Darts is under threat as a result of this. It's a huge blow at a time when the sport cannot afford a blow like this." He accused the Labour Government of having a "very shortsighted attitude". Imperial Tobacco sponsors the BDO's two flagship events, the Embassy World Professional Darts Championship and the Embassy Gold Cup Darts Championship.

John Lord, chief executive of the Ice Hockey Super League, which is still gaining a foothold in Britain, said the loss of its £750,000 three-year tobacco sponsorship deal would pose a major problem for his sport.

"It is not just a matter of going out and finding another sponsor," he said. "That can take years. Ultimately it is the sport that suffers. It is not as if sponsors were queueing up when we arranged out current deal."

Richard Little, spokesman for the England and Wales Cricket Board, said: "We are obviously monitoring the situation and must wait and see what the Government's proposals are." He said Benson and Hedges, English cricket's longest serving sponsors, had "put a lot of money and commitment" into backing the sport.

Without tobacco, supporters claim that Sunday League cricket, first sponsored by John Player, would never have got off the ground. Benson and Hedges are the sole tobacco sponsors today, injecting £4 million over five years into the county limited overs competition named after the company.

Angling, the country's most popular participation sport, has two competitions sponsored by tobacco companies. The national fly-fishing competition is in its 15th year with support from Benson and Hedges.

Clive Turner, executive director of the Tobacco Manufacturers' Association, told the BBC's Radio 5 Live: "There are 15 million smokers within the UK now. If we're not able to talk to them that seems somewhat discriminatory."

He insisted that banning tobacco sponsorship would not affect cigarette consumption. "It is sad that Mr Dobson seems to think that by making a political gesture or by introducing a piece of cosmetic legislation that is going to reduce consumption."

Colin Stockall, spokesman for Gallaher, said said: "We take the opportunity to defend sports sponsorship because we believe there's no convincing evidence that sponsorship causes anybody to actually start smoking."

A spokesman for Imperial Tobacco, which makes Embassy and sponsors darts, snooker, pool and fishing, said evidence had shown that advertising bans did not deter smokers. "We do not understand why the Government is unwilling to consider these well-established facts."

Doubts dispelled by effect on the young

By Dominic Kennedy

OVERSEAS

SIX countries that imposed bans on sports sponsorship by tobacco companies have overcome the initial doubts of sports fans and reduced their ranks of smokers.

The 1992 French ban on tobacco advertising in sport was the most hotly contested. It led to the cancellation of a motorcycling grand prix but won praise after reducing teenage smoking by 15 per cent in its first three years.

The ban led to uproar from viewers when French television blacked out a foreign soccer game because there were tobacco advertisements in the stadium. The Paris-Dakar rally also suffered, with a 50 per cent drop in entries because drivers were unable to tout for support from cigarette companies.

The first countries to ban tobacco promotion for sport were Norway in 1975 and Finland in 1977.

The 1989 Canadian ban, acclaimed by anti-smoking lobbyists as a model for other countries because of its rigour, was narrowly overturned by judges for breaching the constitutional right to free speech. Legislators are working on new wording.

New Zealand banned sports sponsorship in 1990, saying Maori women were among the main victims of smoking, and increased taxes on cigarettes to replace the money lost by sporting events.

The sports-mad Australians imposed a federal ban on cigarette sponsors in the Commonwealth Tobacco Advertising Prohibition Act 1992. This phased out sponsorship of sporting and cultural events by the mid-1990s but allowed existing contracts to run their course. The tobacco company W D & H O Wills was permitted to continue sponsoring cricket until the end of the 1995/6 season. The Australians replaced tobacco firms' sponsorship with a hypothecated tax on cigarettes that was used to support sporting and cultural events, and for health promotion.

To the joy of anti-smoking campaigners, in Victoria and Western Australia a healthy-living message is now trumpeted at sports meetings, using smokers' taxes to pay for it.

The ban is strictly monitored. The Pakistan cricket team was recently reprimanded during an Australian visit for being seen wearing a tobacco logo.

International events televised abroad were exempted from Australia's clampdown, allowing the Formula One grand prix to continue with advertising placed around the track on race days alone.

Motor racing grands prix in France, Germany and England already include a ban on tobacco logos, although they can be seen if viewers watch the Monaco and Brazilian races.

President Clinton classified nicotine as an addictive drug last year and approved a Food and Drug Administration ban on sponsorship at sports events, with the target of halving teenage smoking in seven years.

Action on Smoking and Health in London says there has been a fall of between 4 per cent and 9 per cent in consumption of cigarettes as a result of bans abroad.

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Deals put brand names before armchair audience of millions

By Adrian Lee

SPONSORSHIP HISTORY

THE 1965 ban on television advertisements for cigarettes was the catalyst for the tobacco companies to invest hundreds of millions of pounds in sport.

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By the late 1970s tobacco companies, with their budgets freed by the advertising ban, were the main sponsors of sport. They have since slipped to ninth in a list headed by makers of sports equipment and clothing, largely because of a voluntary agreement which pegs the level of tobacco sponsorship to its 1984 level of £8 million a year. Alcohol companies currently spend about £30 million on British sport, out of a total approaching £350 million.

Traditional working class sports such as snooker and darts, with many hours of television exposure at a time, were natural targets for the tobacco companies. While Embassy was sponsoring the world snooker championship, the set resembled a giant cigarette box.

The game is still heavily reliant upon tobacco money with four competitions — the Scottish Masters, World Championship, Masters and Welsh Open — gaining more than £10 million from deals with Regal, Embassy and Benson & Hedges.

Voluntary codes between the tobacco companies, the Government and the sporting bodies, have led to a more subtle approach. Darts players are now banned, by their own body, from smoking during play. The British Darts Organisation's two flagship events, the Embassy World Professional Darts Championship and the Embassy Gold Cup Darts Championship, are sponsored by Imperial Tobacco. The relationship between darts and smoking has survived 21 years uninterrupted.

Sports such as athletics and football have always been uneasy about cigarette sponsorship. However, rugby league has been sponsored by tobacco firms for 29 years, agreeing a new £2.1 million contract last year with Imperial Tobacco for the Silk Cut Challenge Cup to take the sport into the millennium. Cricket, angling, yachting, golf, ten-pin bowling, greyhound racing and motor-cycling all have agreements.

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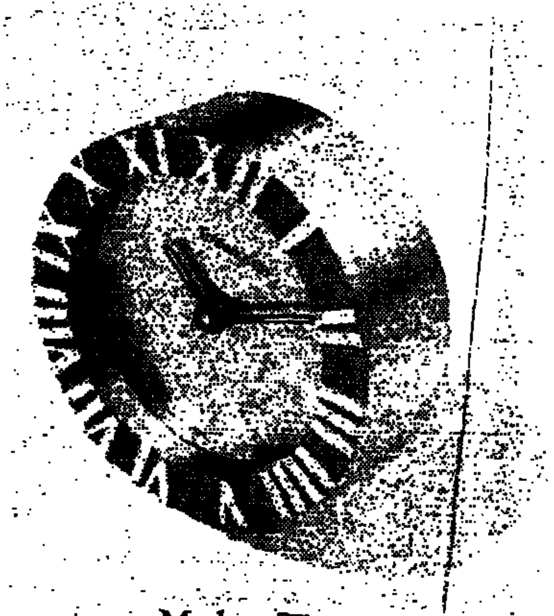

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Sarwar sues paper over election bribery claims

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

MOHAMMED SARWAR, Labour MP for Glasgow Govan, issued a libel writ yesterday against the *News of the World*, which published claims that he paid a £5,000 bribe to a rival general election candidate.

The newspaper said that it was standing by its story, which alleged that Islam Badar, an independent candidate, was paid to fight a losing campaign to avoid splitting the Labour vote. Mr Badar was thought to be abroad yesterday.

A report into the affair is being prepared for consideration tomorrow by the Labour Party's National Executive Committee. The NEC will set up an inquiry into whether Mr Sarwar has broken Labour rules, including a new one against bringing the party into disrepute.

Mr Sarwar denies any wrongdoing and says that the police inquiry into the claims against him will not interfere with his duties as an MP.

Yesterday as the *News of the World* passed to the fraud squad tape recordings and the £5,000 allegedly used for the bribe, further allegations were made. Jamil Abbassi, the independent Conservative candidate for Glasgow Govan, said he had been offered £50,000 not to stand by men he says were supporters of Mr Sarwar. "I refused the offer. I am a man of dignity and principle."

He said he was sure that Mr Sarwar was not personally involved, and that he knew the men but was afraid to identify them.

Peter Paton, an independent Labour candidate who has long been an opponent of Mr Sarwar, claimed he had also been approached by an intermediary acting for a key Sarwar supporter who wanted to donate "a four-figure sum" to his campaign, which he said could have been used to compromise him. Mr Paton, who has made many accusations against Mr Sarwar in the past and has reported alleged electoral malpractice to police, said the approach was made in March. He had not told the police about it until now because he wanted to protect his source.

Yesterday Mr Sarwar said: "I have just had a meeting with my solicitors and I have instructed them to issue a writ against the News of the World concerning the story they published on Sunday and the totally false allegations they made against me.

"The Secretary of State for Scotland has, as you are aware, asked the procurator fiscal to request that police investigate the matter. I requested that such an investigation be instigated and I welcome the move. It would be wrong of me to make any further statements until the police investigation is completed."

A spokeswoman for Strathclyde Police said investigations into the bribery allegations had been requested by the Lord Advocate via the regional procurator fiscal for Glasgow and had now begun.

George Galloway, Labour MP for Glasgow Hillhead and a friend of Mr Sarwar, said he was sure the investigation would clear the MP's name.

He said: "No one can ever be completely convinced of what their friends tell them but I have known Mohammed Sarwar a long time and I have to say that what he told me yesterday and how he explained the situation had the ring of truth.

"It struck me as inherently implausible that a man like Mohammed Sarwar would go along and hand out thousands of pounds to not canvass hard."

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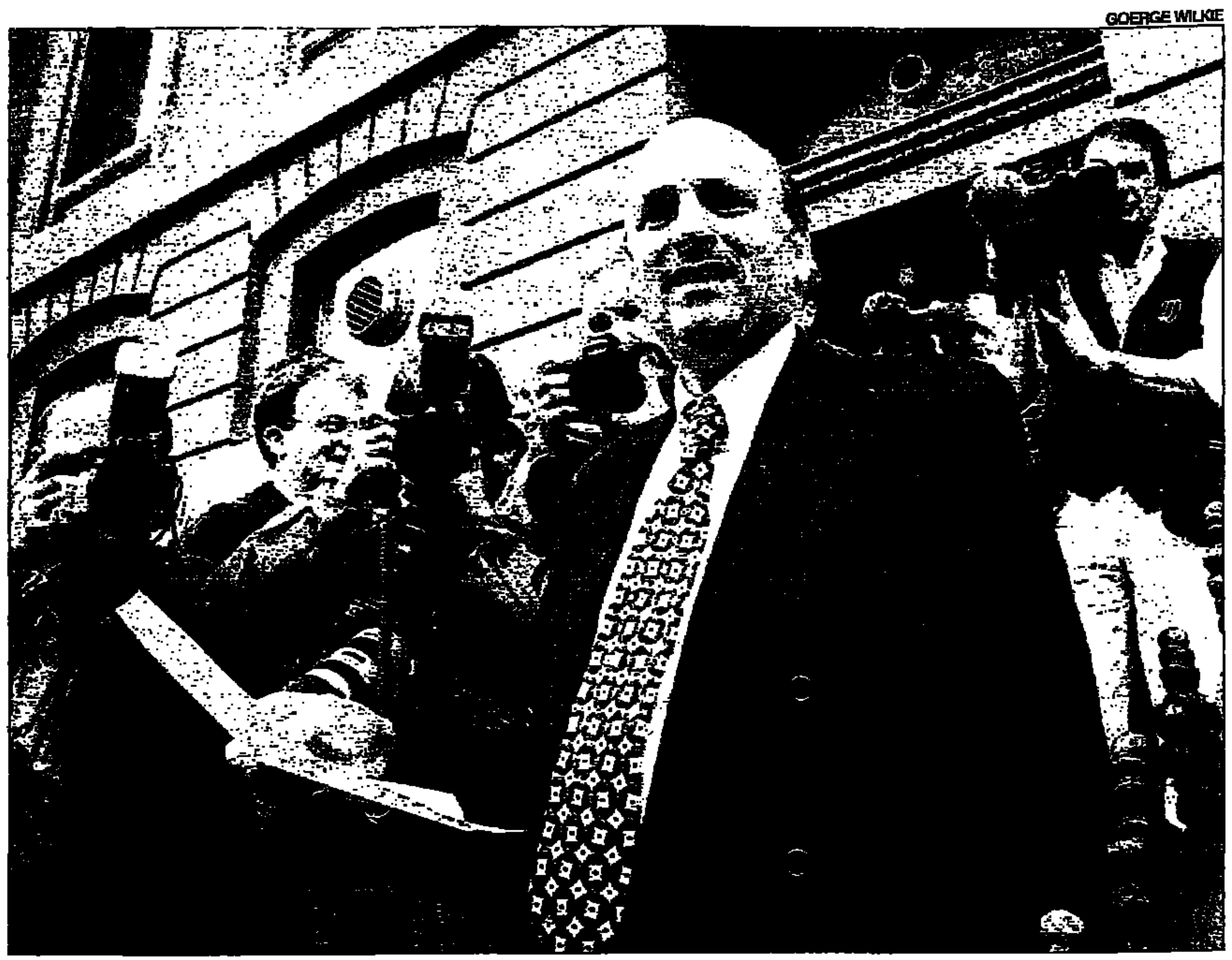


Mohammed Sarwar announcing his libel case to reporters outside his solicitor's office in Glasgow yesterday

Hostilities flare again in Govan's political dirty war

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

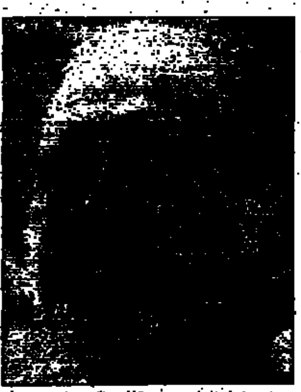
THERE is only one thing on which the ten candidates who *stood for Glasgow Govan at* the general election can agree — that the police inquiry into allegations of vote-rigging and bribery should be swiftly completed.

But given the long and bitter history of political infighting in the constituency, their hopes are unlikely to be met.

Govan, once famed for shipbuilding, now better known for the string-vest philosopher Rab C. Nesbitt, has been a Labour stronghold for decades. It also has the highest ethnic population of any of the Glasgow seats, at about 11 per cent, 9.6 per cent of whom are Asians from Pakistan.

Mohammed Sarwar won the seat at the election to become Britain's first Muslim MP with 14,216 votes, a majority of 2,914 over the Scottish Nationalists. The Tories polled 2,839 and the Liberal Democrats 1,915. The six other candidates polled less than 2,000 votes between them.

The seeds of the current dispute were sown in 1993 when the boundary commission abolished the Glasgow Central seat. The sitting MP, Mike Watson, decided to apply for the vacant nomination of Govan. He was challenged by two other candidates, Margaret Curran, a college lecturer, and Mohammed Sarwar. Mr Sarwar, 44, is a successful businessman and former Labour councillor for Pollokshields, the well-heeled part of the constituency. The fight between Mr Watson and Mr Sarwar for the nomination was bitter with allegations of intimidation and dirty tricks — which both denied. When Mr Watson won the ballot by one vote, Mr Sarwar protested. A rerun was ordered. Ms Curran pulled out and Mr Sarwar won by 82 votes. Mr Watson attempted a legal challenge which failed.



Badar: claims Mr Sarwar gave him £5,000 bribe

Paton: denies vendetta against Mr Sarwar

At the general election one of Mr Watson's strongest supporters, Peter Paton, decided to stand against Mr Sarwar as an independent Labour candidate. Mr Paton, 43, describes himself as a member of the Labour Party for 24 years. But his party membership is lapsed; in the election he polled 325 votes. It was he who originally made the allegations of electoral malpractice to police some weeks ago. He is a vociferous opponent of Mr Sarwar but denies waging a vendetta against him.

Supporters of Mr Sarwar claim that Mr Paton has waged a dirty tricks campaign against him. They point to Mr Paton's involvement with Abdul Haq. Mr Haq, 60, was alleged to have tried to force his daughters into marriages with their cousins in Pakistan in 1996.

Mr Sarwar led a high-profile visit to Pakistan to rescue the girls. The girls and their mother later publicly expressed their gratitude to Mr Sarwar. Mr Haq is suing Mr Sarwar for £2 million alleging he split up the family. Mr Paton has acted as Mr Haq's press spokesman.

There are also concerns within the Sarwar camp of links between Mr Paton and Jamil Abbassi, who stood as an independent Conservative candidate in the election polling 221 votes. Campaign literature sent by both candidates came from the same fax in Mr Paton's home.

But it is a third independent candidate, Islam Badar, who is at the centre of the current allegations. A professional cricketer for Clydeside in the 1970s, Mr Badar became a businessman in the early 1980s but a string of business ventures failed. He polled only 319 votes at the election.

Last week, Mr Sarwar told the *Scotland on Sunday* newspaper that he would prove definitively that there was a dirty tricks campaign against *him. He said Mr Badar would* testify that another candidate, allegedly Mr Paton, was behind a smear campaign.

The newspaper insisted on sworn affidavits and while Mr Badar testified on tape that there had been a smear campaign, he allegedly became extremely nervous about the affidavit, refusing to sign.

He later told the News of the World that Mr Sarwar gave him £5,000 last week. He claims he subsequently met Mr Sarwar and taped an incriminating conversation with him.

Mr Sarwar has denied the claims and is taking legal action. The *News of the World* says it has the tapes and is sticking by its story.

There is evidence of electoral malpractice in Govan. The police began an investigation some weeks ago after it was disclosed that "ghost" voters had been registered on the electoral role and some voters discovered that their votes had been cast for them without their permission. There were also allegations of intimidation.

But Mr Sarwar says that from the start he instructed his team to fight the election with "honour and credibility".

Mr Sarwar's dirty tricks claims were given some credibility during the election campaign when a mysterious man called Mohan Singh arrived in Glasgow offering £250,000 for evidence of sexual scandal involving Mr Sarwar. He left empty-handed claiming he was simply trying to make money by selling a story to the press but he admitted meeting Mr Paton and Mr Haq. Mr Paton has denied asking Mr Singh to help to discredit Mr Sarwar.

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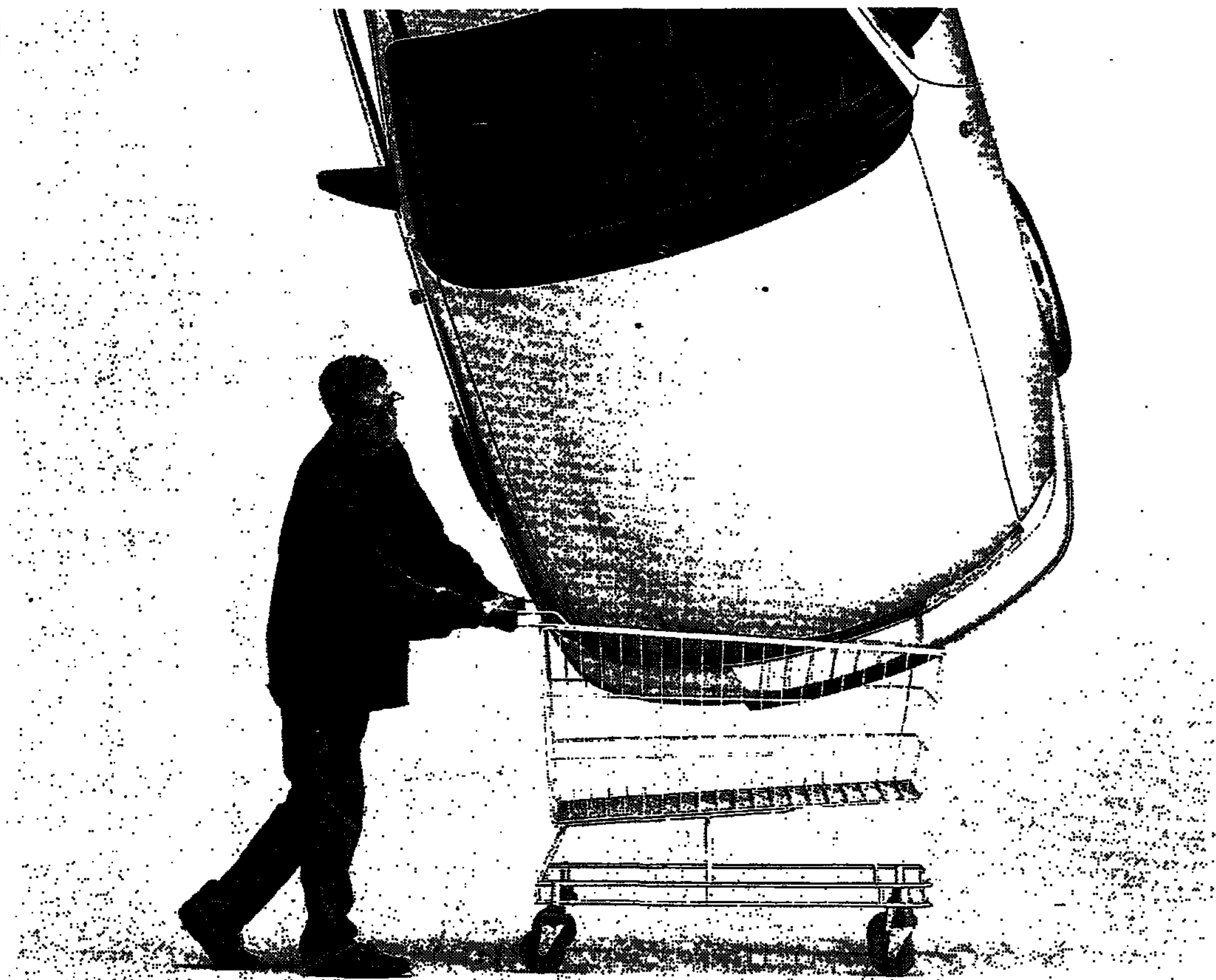

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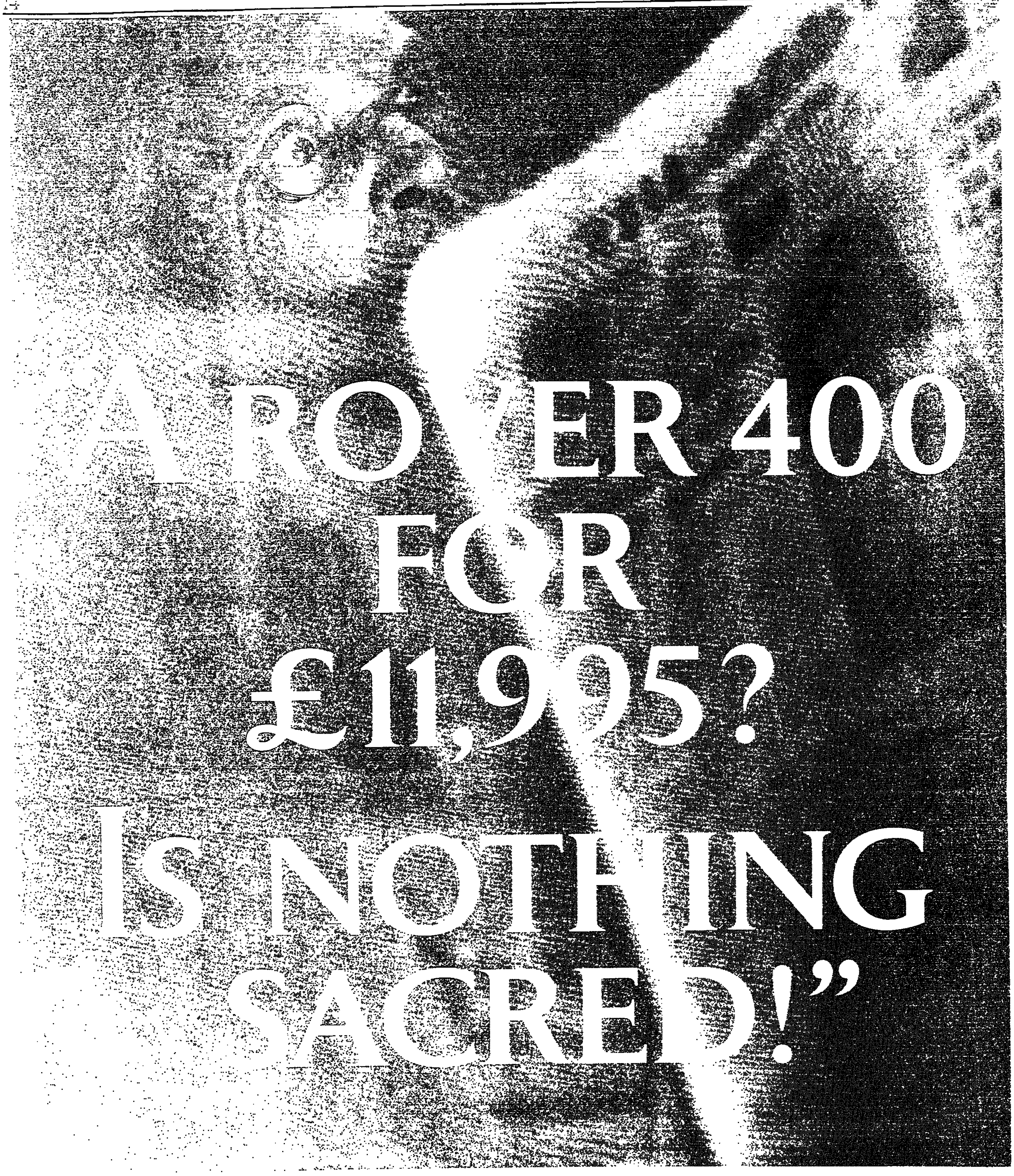

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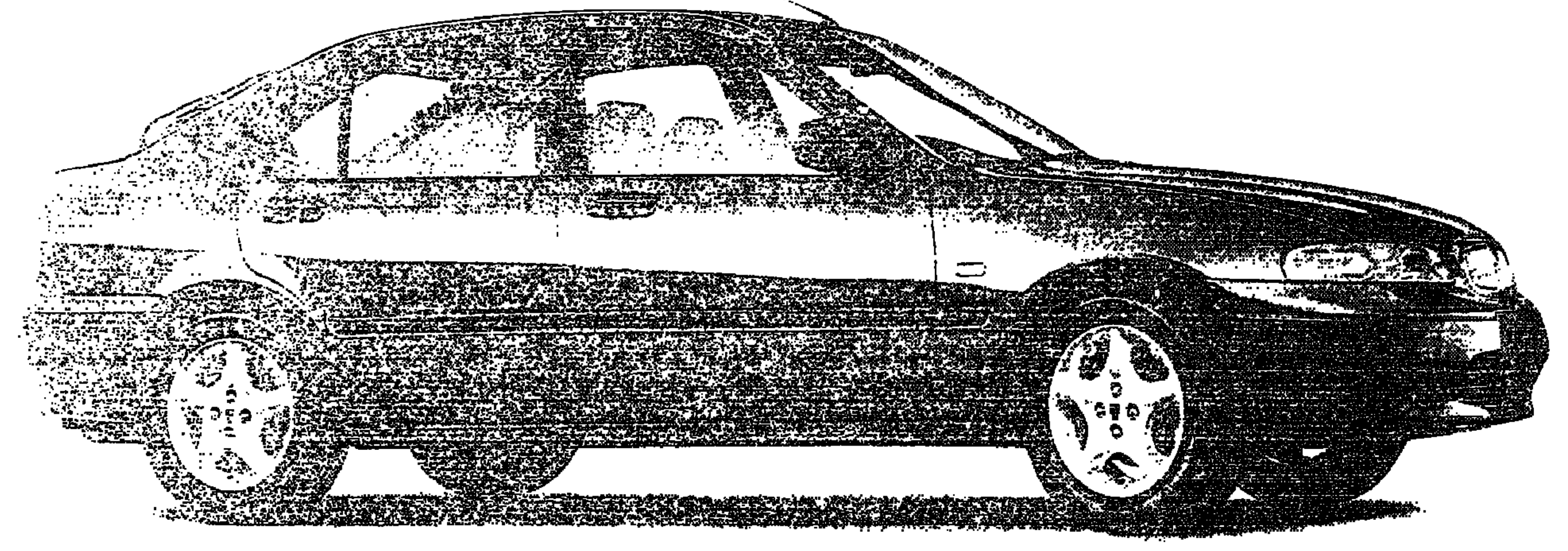

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Giant turbines in area of natural beauty would 'damage case for crucial source of renewable energy'

The gigantic turbines, made in Germany, are already operating abroad, but would be the first of their size in Britain. Each stands 295ft tall at the blade tip — half as high again as the tallest in this country

Green energy campaigners see red over wind farm

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

THE biggest wind farm in Europe, with 40 turbines half *as high again as* Nelson's Column, is planned for one of Britain's last great stretches of wild landscape.

Rookhope Common in County Durham is an area of North Pennine moorland des*ignated as being of outstand*ing natural beauty, and the proposal by National Wind Power has outraged conservationists.

Five leading countryside groups have joined forces to call for *tougher* controls on the location of wind-energy plants. "Wind turbines now intrude into some of the most unspoilt landscapes in Britain and the damage is set to continue unless there are real changes *to the* way in which the industry is financed and regulated," they say in a statement issued today.

The signatories are the Ramblers' Association, the Council for National Parks, and the Council for the Protection of Rural England, togeth*er with its two sister bodies* in Scotland and Wales. They have also written to Margaret Beckett, the President of the Board of Trade. It was the Department of Trade and Industry, over which Mrs *Beckett now presides, which* awarded contracts earlier this year to National Wind Power to sell electricity generated by the proposed Rookhope plant.

The farm would be the first major intrusion of wind tur*bines into a protected land*scape. Conservationists say that the proposal underlines *the* growing *threat* to scenic countryside by a technology that will *never make* more than a tiny contribution to the production of cleaner energy.

Even the keenest proponents of wind energy are appalled. Jonathon Porritt, former director of Friends of the Earth, has written to local people saying the Rookhope scheme would be seriously "damaging to the overall case for this crucial source of renewable energy".

National Wind Power is proposing to build two clusters of turbines at Rookhope, siting 15 on one ridge and 25 on a second, less than a mile to the north. Each machine would *be* capable of generating 1.5 megawatts (mw), a total capacity of up to 60 *mw*.

Each turbine would consist of a tubular tower 197ft high carrying a rotor with three blades up to 98ft long, making a total height from base to blade tip of 295ft. This would be *half as high again as the* biggest, 600 kilowatt (kw), machines now operating in Britain.

Martin Marais, development manager for the project, said: "It is a fantastic site, very *high and exposed with winds* averaging up to 10 metres per second. We have looked at other sites but they are not viable because of insufficient wind speed."

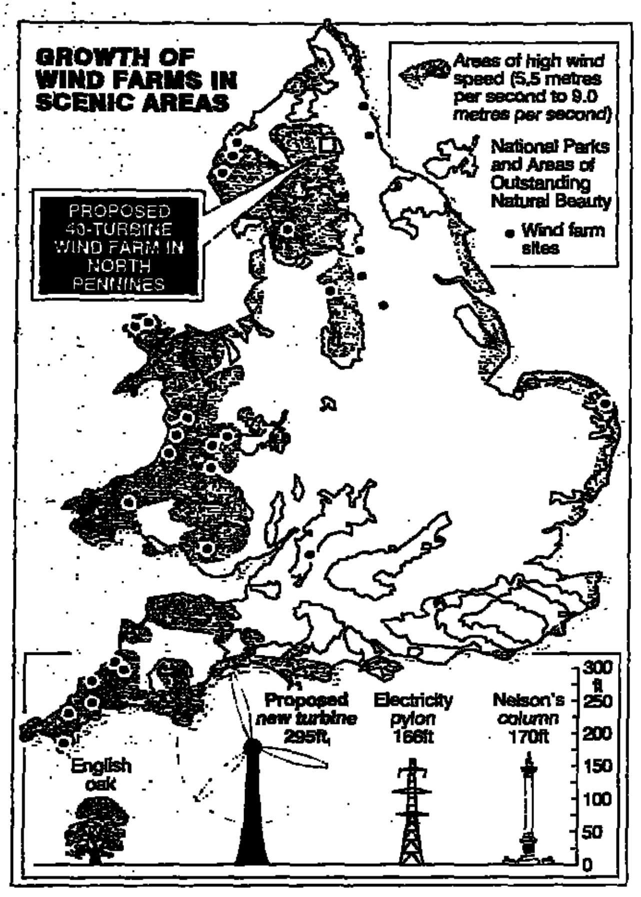
The company is expected to *submit a formal planning* application later this year and hopes to begin construction by 1999. Under the 1989 Electric*ity Act, the application would* bypass the normal town and country planning procedures and be decided by the Department of Trade and Industry. Durham County Council, which is opposed to such large *developments in sensitive* countryside, would have a merely consultative role.

Mark Shaw, a resident of *Rookhope and chairman of* Preservation of Weardale, a group campaigning against the wind farm, said: "The decision on planning permission will in effect be removed from the local authority and *given to the very government* department that awarded the contracts to sell electricity in the first place."

Wind power is an endlessly renewable source of energy, is safer than nuclear power and *produces none of the polluting* emissions associated with fossil fuels. However, farms are, by necessity, sited in some of the wildest and most beautiful landscapes in Britain, such as those in the North Pennines, *the Lake District, the York*shire Dales, the Peak District, Wales, Cornwall and the Norfolk Broads. Even in these areas, wind supply is intermittent and unpredictable, making for low efficiency. Actual *electricity output from* Welsh wind farms in 1996 was no more than 23 per cent of capacity, according to the Government's Energy Technology Support Unit.

The Countryside Commis*sion, the Government's advis*er on land use, has calculated that the official target of deriving 10 per cent of electricity supply from wind power by 2025 would require up to 40,000 wind turbines of the *size currently operating* — there are 640 or so turbines now in use, mainly in Wales and Cornwall.

Even if all future turbines were to be of the gigantic size proposed for the North Pen*nines, some 10,000 would be* needed. Even then, wind energy would reduce carbon dioxide emissions by only slightly over 3 per cent, as electricity generation is responsible for no more than 33 *per cent of such pollution.*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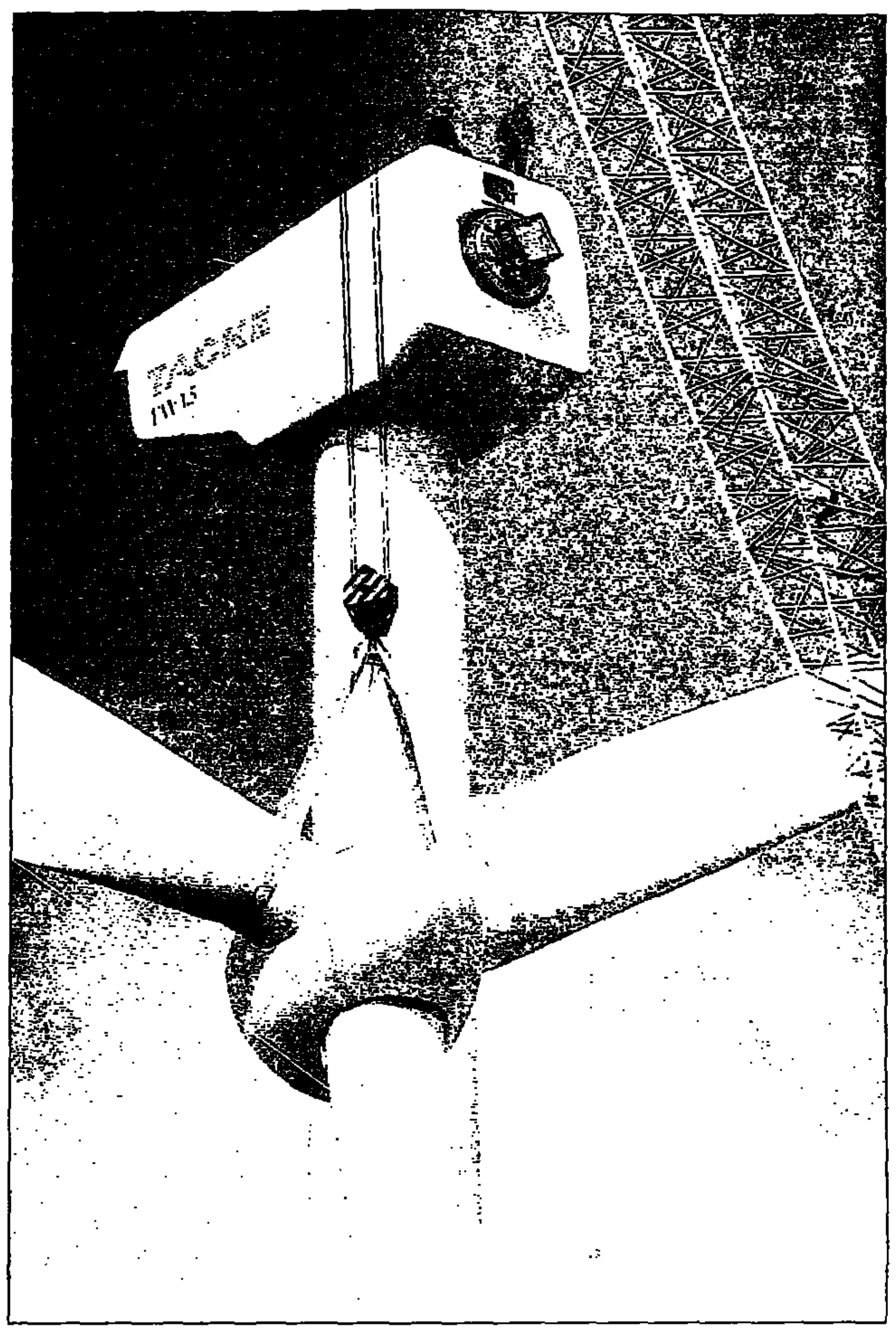

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Pentagon unveils plans for leaner war machine

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE Pentagon, announcing the most comprehensive review of United States defences since the end of the Cold War, last night reached a compromise to axe dozens of bases and thousands of personnel while maintaining America's ability to fight on two fronts at the same time.

William Cohen, the Defence Secretary, said his blueprint for the 21st century would strike a balance between the present and the future by retaining sufficient forces to lead the world but also investing in a new generation of advanced weapons to combat uncertain threats on the horizon.

He said forces would be trimmed primarily in the support structure of the "tail" and modestly in the combat power of the "tooth". Mr Cohen added: "The result will be a force capable of carrying out today's missions with acceptable strategic risk while allowing us to stabilise our investment programme.

"We preserved funding for the next generation of systems, such as information systems, strike systems, mobility forces and missile defence systems, that will ensure our domination of the battlespace in 2010 and beyond."

The quadrennial defence review requires a reduction in active US Army, Navy and Air Force personnel of 60,000. Reservists would be cut by 55,000 and the Pentagon would reduce its civilian staff by 80,000. The army, however, would retain ten combat-ready divisions while the navy is to keep 12 battle carrier and amphibious-ready groups.

Under the proposal, the surface fleet will be reduced by 12 to 116 and the navy will lose 23 attack submarines, as well as almost half the planned number of 1,000 F/A-18E/F aircraft.

The Defence Secretary said that arms procurement was running at about $15 billion (£9 billion) below requirement while the armed forces had 15 per cent more bases than were needed.

His review, which is certain to draw criticism from military officials and Republicans in Congress, requests two additional rounds of base closures.

Funds from the closures and from troop reductions would be used to boost certain weapons programmes such as the National Missile Defence System, which the Pentagon hopes will be ready for deployment by the millennium.

The review also focused on the danger to American forces of "asymmetric threats", ranging from nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons to terrorist attacks and information warfare.

Mr Cohen declared: "America begins the millennium as the sole superpower, the indispensable nation." He added: "The responsibilities are heavy and the choices difficult, but with these choices come enormous benefits and opportunities."

WHERE THE AXE WILL FALL

THE main elements of the report sent to Congress are:

☐ Two new rounds of domestic military base closures in 1999 and 2001 to save money for new high-tech arms.

☐ Cut of 61,700 troops from 1.4 million-member active-duty armed forces. Air Force will lose 26,900, Navy 18,000, Army 15,000 and Marine Corps 1,800.

☐ National Guard and Reserves cut by 54,000, including 45,000 from Army, and 60,800 civilians employed by services will go.

☐ Current strategy of forward-deployed forces retained, including 100,000 in Europe and 100,000 in western Pacific, prepared to fight and win two wars at once.

☐ Some reductions, but no cancellations outlined, in Air Force F22 "stealth" fighters being developed by Lockheed Martin, Navy FA-18E/F fighters built by McDonnell Douglas and Marine Corp's V-22 tilt-rotor helicopters built by Boeing and Textron.

☐ Long-range plans retained for expected $170 billion joint strike fighter programme that Lockheed, Martin and Boeing are competing to build in the next century.

☐ Twelve aircraft carriers kept in Navy; and the Air Force's present plans to increase B2 "stealth" bomber fleet to 21 aircraft does not change. *(Reuter)*

Flinn: will rejecta general discharge

B52 pilot prepared for court martial

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

KELLY FLINN, the first woman to pilot a B52 bomber, will take her chances with a court martial for adultery with a civilian if the US Air Force denies her plea for an honourable discharge.

She will refuse to settle for a general discharge, indicating an anomaly on her service record, if it is offered to her, she said on the *60 Minutes* CBS television programme. Her voice breaking with emotion, Lieutenant Flinn, 26 and single, said her decision to resign was the toughest she had ever made after dedicating her life to the pursuit of her dream to fly for the air force.

She believed her decision was the best way to resolve the case for both sides. "I think this will give both myself and the air force the opportunity to come to some kind of reconciliation between the two of us, and a peaceful agreement."

The air force was in no mood to grab the olive branch, despite earlier indications that it would. Air force spokesman said that her prospects for an honourable discharge were slim. The colonel presiding at her court martial in North Dakota said it would open today on schedule, though an adjournment to consider her plea would seem prudent.

William Cohen, the Defence Secretary, confirmed earlier reports that it was time for the Pentagon to review relationships between men and women in the armed forces, a sure sign that the issue has become a political hot potato. There ought to be one standard and no selective enforcement, he said.

Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, with Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, in Washington yesterday

Cook delivers warning on Bosnia

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

ROBIN COOK, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday delivered an unequivocal message to the Clinton Administration that if the US withdrew troops from Bosnia, British and other European countries would pull out too.

"I do not want anyone in the US to be under any misapprehension: the principle is one out, all out. We were there before US troops arrived, and it was an uncomfortable and lonely place to be," he said.

In a private meeting yesterday morning, William Cohen, the Defence Secretary, said he appreciated the dangers of an early withdrawal of troops, but it could be politically impossible for President Clinton to keep them there. Mr Cook said it was too early to say whether the integration process under the Dayton agreement would have gone far enough to allow troops to leave next year.

Mr Cook, the first Cabinet minister of the new Labour Government to visit Washington, said the Administration wished Labour well and that he found "no substantial differences of opinion". He added that he had wanted to come to Washington, if only for a day, "to signal that we want to have a strong working relationship with one of our oldest allies".

On Hong Kong, Mr Cook said: "We will be looking for US support to make sure that Britain's agreements with China are respected and that Hong Kong people retain civil liberties they have come to expect."

But he emphasised that whatever pressure the US puts on China, "we are anxious that the Most Favoured Nation agreement continues". He said that removing MFN trading privileges from China would damage the Hong Kong economy and hurt its people.

Mr Cook said that he planned to attend the handover from British to Chinese rule on June 30 and that Tony Blair, the Prime Minister, might also attend.

Yesterday Mr Cook and the Clinton Administration issued a joint declaration on clearing up the unsolved mystery of Nazi gold. Mr Cook said that in working towards the new Europe, "we must also put right remaining injustices from the period when Europe was divided and at war".

Ahead of the planned visit to Washington by Marjorie Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, at the end of this week, Mr Cook reiterated the Government's insistence that Sinn Fein could not enter talks until an IRA ceasefire had been declared.

Mongolian reformer ousted

BY JAMES PRINGLE

THE former Communist Party scored a decisive victory in Mongolia's presidential election, marking a setback for the vast, landlocked country's free-market economic reforms. But the win was hardly a surprise given the stringency of economic "shock therapy" introduced by the Democratic Union Coalition, which won a surprise victory in parliamentary elections in June last year.

Natsagiin Bagabandi, the Soviet-educated leader of the formerly hardline Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party (MPRP), won almost 51 per cent of the vote, with President Ochirbat, of the four-party DUC, receiving a stinging rebuff with just under 30 per cent. J. Gombojav, an ultranationalist, won 6.6 per cent.

Mr Bagabandi, a specialist in food technology, had pledged that he would try to slow down government reforms that had created widespread economic dislocation. He had promised to re-introduce a safety net for the elderly, poor and unemployed. Mr Bagabandi, who was praised even by Democratic Coalition MPs as a moderate, wants to increase spending on social programmes, but Mr Ochirbat has said the Government just cannot afford to do so. This view is backed up by foreign envoys.

The extent to which some DUC ideologues, many influenced by the American Republican Party which has an office in Ulan Bator, tried to push free market reform, seemed to defy common sense, observers noted. "In under a year, the Democrats, by the excess of their zeal to reform, seemed to sow the seeds of their own destruction," one analyst said.

Bagabandi: victory for former Communists

US envoy despairs for Middle East peace

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

MARTIN INDYK, America's influential Ambassador to Israel, admitted in remarks published yesterday that the 1993 peace deal between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation signed with flourish on the White House lawn had finally broken down.

Mr Indyk's verdict, the most pessimistic yet made by the Clinton Administration about the Middle East peace process, came as the Palestinian police were investigating the second mafia-style execution within a fortnight of a Palestinian suspected of selling land to Jews.

The killing of Harb Abu-Sara, a land dealer shot several times in the head and dumped in the self-rule Palestinian city of Ramallah, came after the similar murder of Farid Bashiti, 70, on May 9. Both killings followed a Palestinian Authority edict that selling land to Jews was a capital offence.

"This is a horrible development," Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, told a Knesset committee. "I think it is ghastly, monstrous to issue a law that says that anyone who sells land to Jews should be executed."

Mr Netanyahu added: "And what is worse is that not only are these laws promulgated, they appear to be followed through and the recent murder of two innocent people for the sale of land, at the behest of the Palestinian Authority, is absolutely unacceptable."

Earlier, Mr Indyk said of the 1993 peace deal initially negotiated in Norway: "The Oslo package has crumbled and there are no quick fixes possible. The core bargain of Oslo has broken down — Israel was promised security and the Palestinians' were promised self-government."

In a separate reflection of American despair with the reluctance of either side to make the necessary gestures to rebuild trust, Samuel Berger, the US National Security Adviser, brushed off President Arafat's dramatic appeal to President Clinton to intervene personally to rescue the peace accord. "Presidential involvement is happening every day," Mr Berger said.

The new spate of executions of Arab land dealers has further soured a bad atmosphere and spread panic among many Palestinian land agents who in the past have worked with the Israelis. A senior Israeli police source said: "Palestinian merchants are turning to us and asking protection from murder."

Mr Bashiti was found dead in Ramallah after being lured from an hotel in Israeli-annexed east Jerusalem by a female Palestinian security agent in an operation described by one security source as a "classic honey trap". His skull was crushed, his hands tied behind his back and his mouth sealed with plastic tape.

Because Ikrema Sabri, the chief Muslim cleric in Jerusalem, declared Mr Bashiti an infidel and barred his family from burying him in any Muslim cemetery in Jerusalem, it took the family days to find a place to conduct the funeral. It eventually took place at a secret location on Sunday, but family members tipped the local press about the exact spot.

☐ **Boat attacked:** Israel yesterday said it destroyed a Lebanese fishing boat with a suicide bomber intending to ram an Israeli ship. Amal, the Lebanese group, claimed responsibility for the failed attack.

Octogenarian disputes Florida swim record

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

AN INDIGNANT American man, 84, has disputed the record claimed by Susie Maroney, the Australian long-distance swimmer, who was hailed last week as the first person to swim unassisted across the Straits of Florida, which separate Cuba and the mainland America.

Walter Poenisch, who lives in Grove City, Ohio, has declared: "She's a pretty good swimmer, but she's not the first to make that swim. I was."

The octogenarian, who was paralysed seven years ago and is now confined to a wheelchair, asserts that he made the crossing in 1978, when he was 63. His timing, 34 hours and 15 minutes, compares unfavourably with that of Miss Maroney, who took only 24 hours and 20 minutes. But Mr Poenisch took a longer route — 138 miles to her 113 — and says that he had unfavourable currents.

Mr Poenisch's claim has always been dogged by controversy, as he lacked an independent observer to verify his record. Like Miss Moroney, he swam in a shark-proof metal cage that was dragged by a boat ahead of him. But he was accompanied only by the boat's captain, a friend and his wife.

The *Guinness Book of Records* did, nonetheless, credit him with the Florida Straits swim in its American editions from 1979 to 1991, but dropped him thereafter.

British bomb expert in Oklahoma trial

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

LINDA JONES, a British forensic science expert, was set to take centre stage in the trial of Timothy McVeigh as the prosecution case against the chief suspect in the Oklahoma City bombing entered its final phase yesterday.

Ms Jones, principal forensic investigator at the Ministry of Defence explosives laboratory at Fort Halstead in Kent, is seen as a pivotal independent witness against Mr McVeigh, 29, who is alleged to have detonated the bomb that killed 168 adults and children on April 19, 1995.

Prosecutors hope that Ms Jones's testimony will shore up evidence from the FBI crime laboratory, which last month was accused of sloppy procedures and biased conclusions in its evaluation of the explosion at the Alfred P. Murrah Building.

Ms Jones is a veteran of countless IRA bomb investigations and was last year awarded the OBE for her 23 years of service at the MoD. She has examined fragments from the 4,000lb ammonium nitrate bomb and is expected during her testimony in Denver this week to counter criticism of the laboratory and attempt to establish explosives residue and other evidence linking Mr McVeigh to the bombing.

But Stephen Jones, the chief defence lawyer, has said that the laboratory had contaminated, abused and manipulated the evidence against his client and "engaged in forensic prostitution".

'Angel' of flood town is named

New York: The anonymous donor who last month gave $15 million (£9 million) to rebuild the flood-ravaged town of Grand Forks, North Dakota, has been identified as Joan Kroc, the widow of the man who founded the McDonald's fast food chain (Tunku Varadarajan writes).

Mrs Kroc, who came to be known as "the Angel of Grand Forks", had also given $2,000 to each family affected by the disaster, but had insisted on anonymity. Yesterday the Mayor presented her with a sweat-shirt that read: "I helped rebuild Grand Forks". Immensely rich, she gave away $33 million to a number of charities last year alone.

Historic scroll given to Met

New York: A Chinese silk scroll from the 10th century, an object so rare that its owner once hoped he could barter it for the release from China of his detained son, has been donated to the Metropolitan Museum of Art (Tunku Varadarajan writes). The museum will soon have the most comprehensive collection of Chinese paintings outside China.

Air crash at Brazil show

Rio de Janeiro: Two small aircraft crashed in mid-air at an airport in Brazil's southern Santa Catarina state, killing all 12 passengers as well as one woman on the ground, who died of a heart attack when one of the bodies fell on top of her, an airport spokesman said. The crash happened at celebrations marking the airport's 55th anniversary. *(Reuter)*

335 killed in army attacks

Colombo: Sri Lankan security forces renewed artillery attacks against suspected Tamil Tiger guerrilla positions in the island's north yesterday as the death toll in the latest army operation climbed to 335, officials said here. The Defence Ministry said that the separatist rebels had lost at least 250 of their fighters in the army's biggest-ever ground offensive. *(AFP)*

Ice rescue for whalers

Anchorage: Helicopters off northern Alaska rescued 142 whale hunters after ice cracked and they drifted out to sea. The rescue took more than seven hours in fog. The whalers used hand-held global positioning systems to guide rescuers. "Every time they took a load of people, we were in a different place by the time they got back," said a stranded rescue team member. *(AP)*

Eight arrests at horse cull

Wellington: Eight animal lovers were arrested for trespassing as a round-up aimed at culling 1,200 of wild horses began on army land 150 miles north of here. Most of the horses will be slaughtered for pet food. The herd, descended mainly from military horses, was until recently protected, but conservationists say the horses are destroying rare native plants. *(AP)*

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Kabila 'to enter Kinshasa today without bloodshed', says Mandela

By Jan Raath in Harare
and Our Foreign Staff

LAURENT KABILA, the victorious Zairean rebel leader, is to enter Kinshasa today, President Mandela of South Africa said yesterday, and gave an assurance that the self-proclaimed *head of state* would do so peacefully.

"It seems everything is going according to plan," Mr Mandela said after an hour's meeting with President Mugabe in the Zimbabwean capital where he is on a state visit. "As far as he is concerned, he will enter Kinshasa without bloodshed. His troops have been acknowledged, even by his enemies, as being disciplined, and they have been courteous," Mr Mandela said. He added that Mr Kabila would address the nation at 9pm local time tomorrow.

Mr Mandela, whose Government was the first to recognise the Alliance of Democratic Forces for Congo-Zaire after its troops seized Kinshasa on Saturday, also gave Mr Kabila a powerful personal endorsement. In an address to the Zimbabwean parliament, he urged MPs to reject "the adverse publicity he is getting from certain quarters, for obvious reasons".

Mr Mandela, who was kept waiting by Mr Kabila during the failed peace talks with the deposed President Mobutu in the past fortnight, said he was speaking "as one who has been involved in negotiations in that country". He said: "I want to assure you that President Kabila is handling the question of assuming power in that country, uniting it and addressing the problems of the poor in an excellent manner. He has lived up to the expectations of those who are patriotic enough to be guided by facts and not fiction."

The ailing Mr Mobutu was reported to be resting in Togo at the residence of his old friend, Gnassingbe Eyadema, the West African state's dictator. He fled there after rebels seized his jungle palace in northern Zaire.

His eldest son and 109 members of his family were said to be stuck across the river from Kinshasa, in Brazzaville, Congo, because a flight crew supposed to fly them onwards refused to have anything more to do with the Mobutus.

Government officials in Togo, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Mr Mobutu would not stay in the country for more than a few days. They did not yet know his ultimate destination. Togo state television earlier said that Mr Mobutu had only briefly stopped in the country on his way to Rabat, the Moroccan capital. It reported that he had slipped out of his home village of Gbadolite late on Saturday night in a cargo plane just ahead of Mr Kabila's troops, and flew to Togo.

The television report said the ousted leader was awakened by gunfire late on Saturday night and was afraid that rebel troops had entered his village and were closing in on his palace. The rebels fired on the departing plane.

☐ Vienna: Kofi Annan, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, said the world body was ready to work with a new government in Zaire and appealed to the international community to help the country on the road to recovery. He said he was pleased that there had been no major bloodshed in Kinshasa as rebel forces took control of the capital. *(Reuter)*

Rebel tells of 800-mile march to freedom in gum boots

David Orr in Kinshasa

AS SOLDIERS of the defeated Zairean Armed Forces surrendered their weapons outside a military barracks in Kinshasa yesterday, one of the victors told of his role in the campaign to overthrow President Mobutu.

Amisi Chalondawa was one of a number of fighters who looked on as men in civilian clothes came forward in single file and dumped their arms on a pile containing thousands of Kalashnikov rifles.

"I killed some of the enemy," he said. "And some of my comrades died in the fighting. One lost an arm in a grenade blast and another disappeared in the jungle. But we fought to free the country, we did it for our families and the whole population."

Mr Chalondawa, 22, was among the advance units of the rebel alliance which last Saturday captured the capital of Zaire (since renamed the Democratic Republic of Congo). His story gives a rare insight into the insurgency of Laurent Kabila, the rebel leader who has just declared himself President of Africa's third-largest nation. It also affords a glimpse of the personal motivation of a man who took part in the epic struggle to overthrow one of the world's most reviled dictators.

"I first heard of Kabila from my boss at the petrol station where I worked in Rutshuru," Mr Chalondawa said. "He joined the [rebel] alliance and he told me all about him. Soon after Rutshuru was liberated last September I signed up."

Mr Chalondawa is the youngest of seven children who were born and raised in eastern Zaire. His father's job in the civil service obliged the Amisi family to move from town to town until finally they settled in Rutshuru on the Ugandan border. In his late teens Mr Chalondawa went to nearby Goma to study mechanical engineering, but lack of funds forced him to abandon the course.

"The fees were $25 (now about £15) a term," he says. "My father's income was only $1 a month. Sometimes he had to go and ask for his pay and when he did that he would be beaten up by the army. The way they treated him made me very angry. He supplemented his salary by growing and selling vegetables but it still wasn't enough. He supported my decision to join the alliance. I told him that I could be independent that way."

The insurgency of the Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire began as a localised self-defence campaign by the Banyamulenge, a community of ethnic Tutsis, in eastern Zaire. Mr Chalondawa belongs to the Rega tribe but identified with the goals which the struggle quickly embraced: the overthrow of President Mobutu and the destruction of his corrupt regime. Supported by his regional allies, Mr Kabila was able to give his uprising the impetus of a multi-ethnic national movement. Mr Chalondawa received two months' training in weaponry, tactics and self-defence in the forest west of Rutshuru. He says his military instructors were Rwandans, though other groups were trained by Ugandans, Tanzanians and Angolans. By November Mr Chalondawa was considered ready for the front and was dispatched to his birthplace, Butembo, 25 miles from the Ugandan border. Over the next six months he covered hundreds of miles, sometimes by aircraft but more often by foot. During that time he took part in a number of battles but says that mostly the Zairean troops ran away.

He estimates he walked nearly 800 miles through jungle and bush in his one pair of rubber boots before arriving in Kinshasa.

"Many of our men died on the way," he says. "They just got exhausted and died. There was a lot of malaria and dysentery. Sometimes we'd go for four days with nothing but a few biscuits to eat."

Mr Chalondawa has not yet been paid and says he has no idea when he will receive his first salary. He intends to stay in the army.

"I'm happy to be here in Kinshasa," he says, gazing around at the big houses and high-rise buildings. "I would have preferred if Mobutu had not fled so we could have arrested and punished him. But the main thing is he's gone."

Since his arrival in the capital and the takeover of Camp Tshashi, Mr Chalondawa has got his hands on a clean uniform. He is also wearing a new pair of military boots to replace the Wellingtons which finally fell apart as he marched into Kinshasa.

CORINNE DUFKA / REUTER

A young soldier of Laurent Kabila's victorious rebels examines a pile of guns confiscated from the headquarters of President Mobutu's elite guard in Kinshasa yesterday

New leaders take Africa's destiny into their own hands

The victorious
Laurent Kabila
joins a network of
men determined to
end Central
Africa's chaos,
writes **Sam Kiley**

FRANCE'S once strong influence in Africa has waned dramatically, with its ally, Mobutu Sese Seko, deposed and on the run.

However, if Washington and London believe their African stars are rising, they may be mistaken. For the first time in a century, African leaders are starting to take charge of the destiny of the continent.

The fall of Zaire to the Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire completes a network of friends and allies stretching from Angola to Eritrea who are expected to reshape the continent in an image of their own, and scrub out the colonial map of Africa drawn up at Bismarck's Berlin conference of European powers in 1884.

Museveni: ready to take on Savimbi's forces

Kagame: helped to drive out Uganda rebels

Garang: won backing for Sudan revolt

By dint of his victory in Kinshasa, Laurent Kabila has joined a growing firmament of African leaders disinclined to take orders from outside powers. Civil war, mayhem and famine last year provoked Washington to call on Africa's leaders to come up with African solutions to their problems. The State Department even offered to pay for a standing army of African peacekeepers who could intervene to prevent the horrific collapse of state power, as seen in Liberia and Somalia or state-sponsored genocide as in Rwanda. Led by President Museveni of Uganda, a clique of African leaders, all men of well-known military prowess who in most cases fought their way into office, made the peacekeeping idea redundant. They have embarked on an ambitious offensive to wipe out the chaos of Central Africa.

In November last year Washington gave diplomatic support to the mainly Tutsi rebellion in eastern Zaire which grew into a revolution and toppled Mr Mobutu last weekend. As a result French officials saw an "Anglophone conspiracy" behind Mr Kabila's movement in which Britain supplied the knowhow of the imperial era, and Americans the money and military training necessary for the Tutsis to storm across Zaire in only seven months.

There may be some truth in the conspiracy theory. Among the beneficiaries of Zaire's change of regime have been George Bush, who along with former Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, is a member of the advisory board of Toronto-based Barrick Gold, which bought a gold concession for 80,000 square kilometres in northeast Zaire from the then rebels. Few, if any, French companies have been given access to Zaire's mineral rights.

But the conspiracy is deeper and more subtle. Mr Museveni's close friend and former comrade in arms, is Major General Paul Kagame, Rwanda's Vice-President and Minister of Defence. Clearing Rwandan Hutu extremists and Ugandan rebel groups from camps inside Zaire, while backing Mr Kabila's rebellion, made sense to the Central African leaders.

Further north, Uganda continues to suffer bombing raids from Sudan's Islamic Government because of Mr Museveni's support for John Garang, south Sudan's rebel leader fighting for autonomy.

Eritrea's Issias Aferwerki and Ethiopia's Meles Zenawi, former comrades in the Ethiopian civil war and also close friends of the Ugandan President, sent troops into Sudan to drive away an Islamic threat.

Now, with Mr Mobutu gone and Mr Kabila the new President of the Democratic Republic of Congo (the name Zaire was known by before Mr Mobutu came to power) the stage is set for another showdown with what Mr Museveni and his clique see as a destabilising rebel group in Africa: Jonas Savimbi's Union for the Total Independence of Angola (Unita). Angolan troops fought alongside Mr Kabila's men in Zaire, while Unita troops fought a last stand for Mr Mobutu. President Santos of Angola is unlikely to resist the temptation to attack Unita's bases in the north and west of his country now that Mr Mobutu, a long-standing Unita ally, has gone. The "new African" leaders have said publicly that the borders drawn up at *Bismarck's conference* may be redrawn. In Rwanda President Bizimungu, a Hutu, suggested adding North and South Kivu to Rwanda.

"What's worrying us is we don't know where, or when, these men are going to stop. Will they try to take on every bad guy on the continent? Is Sani Abacha [Nigeria's military ruler] next? How comfortable is Mr [Daniel arap] Moi in Kenya? Is he on their hit list?," asked one Western ambassador in Kinshasa last night.

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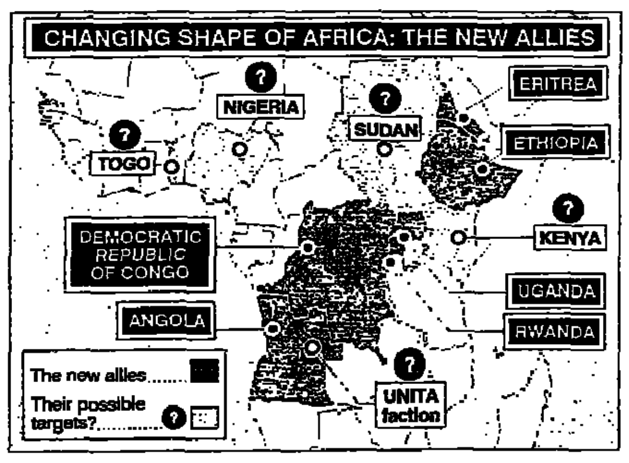

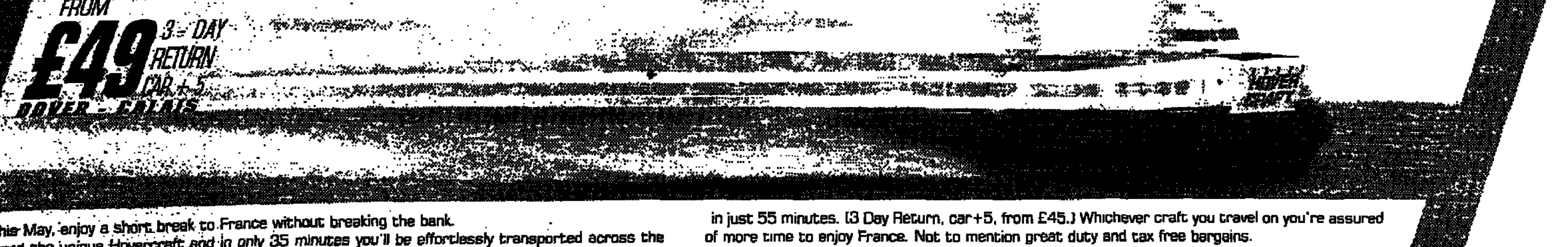

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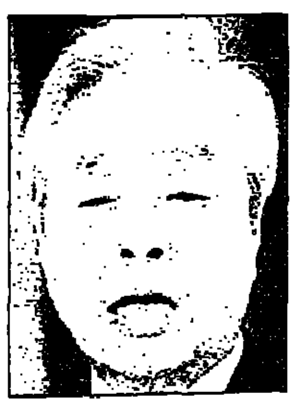
Korea scandal traps another official as President's clean crusade crumbles



Kim Young Sam: his presidency is crippled

By Robert Whymant

SOUTH Korean prosecutors yesterday arrested a former top government security official on bribery charges in a scandal that has ensnared a son of President Kim Young Sam and diminished presidential credibility.

Kim Ki Sup, a former deputy director of the Agency for National Security Planning, is suspected of collecting $169,000 (£103,000) in exchange for helping a businessman to win a government licence for a cable television station.

The former security official was a close associate of Kim Hyun Chul, the President's second son, who is also accused taking kickbacks from the businessman. Kim Hyun Chul, 37, was arrested last Saturday on charges of pocketing $3.6 million in bribes and evading $1.5 million in taxes. Prosecutors say they plan to question the two men, now being held in the same prison in Seoul, about $16.3 million in more than 100 bank accounts. Investigators are also looking into allegations made by opposition parties that Kim Ki Sup leaked sensitive government information to his friend in the presidential palace.

Kim junior never held a government post, but was known to be President Kim's most trusted adviser. His meddling in state affairs earned him the scornful title of "little President". Kim Ki Sup resigned from the powerful spy agency in March after questions about his relationship with the President's son.

President Kim is not directly implicated in the bribes scandal, but it deals yet another blow to his credibility as a crusader against corruption. His presidency is already crippled by a corruption scandal in which 11 senior businessmen and politicians are charged with giving or taking bribes in exchange for arranging bank loans to Hanbo Steel Industry Company. The company collapsed in January with debts of $5.6 billion, exposing corruption by senior government officials.

South Korea has essentially had to telescope 100 years of development into a tenth of that time. The system of *chaebol*, or large conglomerates, being given carte blanche to develop the country's industries after the Korean War under the mantra of catching up with Japan led to close relationships between government and industry that do not exist in developed economies. This hothouse system of developing the economy was destined to breed corruption.

Yesterday prosecutors demanded long prison terms for the "immoral" defendants, who include a former Cabinet minister and three top aides to President Kim. The prosecution sought a 20-year prison sentence for Chung Tae Soo, 74, the founder of the Hanbo Group, who allegedly scattered bribes among bankers and politicians to keep loans rolling in.

"This is a large-scale corruption case perpetrated by a collaboration of immoral politicians, bankers and corporate executives," Park San Gil, the prosecutor, told a court in Seoul. "It has even damaged the nation's reputation."

The Hanbo scandal, now compounded by the arrest of his son, has severely wounded President Kim, who swept to power four years ago under the banner of clean government. It has reduced him to a caretaker President until the election in December. By law, Mr Kim cannot run for a second term.

☐ Opposition choice: Kim Dae Jung, the opposition leader, was chosen by his party to fight the presidential election. It will be Mr Kim's fourth try. *(Reuter)*

Defecting general boosts Taleban's chances of victory

By Christopher Thomas, South Asia Correspondent

GENERAL Abdul Rashid Dostum, leader of northern Afghanistan and the last bulwark against the fundamentalist Taleban Islamic militia, faced a potentially disastrous mutiny by one of his key commanders last night. It is the first crack in the military alliance, backed by Russia and Iran, that controls a third of the country.

General Abdul Malik, the alliance's spokesman on foreign affairs, announced that he had defected to Taleban for the sake of "national unity". Echoing Taleban's tirades, he called General Dostum a "bad Muslim" and the main obstacle to peace in Afghanistan. This is the most serious blow to the alliance, which includes Burhanuddin Rabbani, the former President, since its formation seven months ago.

General Malik said the alliance's forces had been disarmed in his own province of Faryab. He claimed to have the support of General Dostum's "inner circle". If true, the gates of northern Afghanistan could soon swing open for the final Taleban advance.

News of the split will alarm Central Asian states, Russia, Iran and India, which all have their reasons for worrying about Taleban's consolidation in Afghanistan. The militia captured two-thirds of the country more by bribing than fighting, proof that it has substantial outside resources. Private Saudi money is probably one source of cash. There is also substantial income from opium, which provides most of the heroin used in Europe.

This is a dangerous time for General Dostum. The snow has melted in the mountain passes that have protected him all winter from Taleban's forces, and a military push against him could be imminent. Central Asian states have sealed their borders, fearing that large numbers of people will seek refuge.

> ‘It is the first crack in the military alliance that is backed by the Russians and Iran’

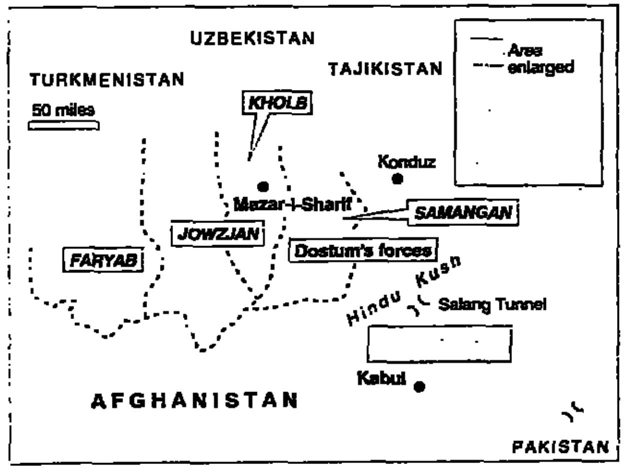
Mazar-i-Sharif, which appeared to be calm last night as news of the revolt came through, is a mud-brick town where alcohol is openly on sale. General Dostum, who drives a bullet-proof black Cadillac imported from Germany, is fond of Scotch. Women are allowed to work and do not have to wear the veil. Gambling is also allowed. Such practices lay behind Taleban's repeated assertion that General Dostum is a bad Muslim.

He is also despised by many Afghans because he was a Communist commander in the former Russian-backed regime of Muhammad Najibullah, who was tortured and murdered by Taleban late last year. Najibullah was left publicly hanging by the neck for two days in Kabul, and Taleban leaders have said that General Dostum faces a similar fate if caught.

Uzbekistan would clearly offer sanctuary if his regime were toppled, as would Tajikistan, both of which have supplied military assistance. Russia has given him heavy armoury and technical support, including the repairing of launchers for his Scud long-range missiles, which are all but useless in the kind of war he faces with Taleban.

The Afghan Islamic Press Agency in Islamabad reported that General Malik's fighters had arrested several of General Dostum's commanders. General Dostum, who lives with his wife and children outside Mazar-i-Sharif, is popular among Uzbeks and Tajiks in his fiefdom, but he cannot rely on the loyalty of Pashtuns, who are a substantial minority in the north.

The north is effectively a different country. Mazar-i-Sharif has electricity, the shops are full of a variety of goods and there is a local economy of sorts, although the currency has had to be propped up by dollars sent by Iran to prevent its collapse.



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Villagers wait for family members to return from fishing off Chittagong in the cyclone-swept Bay of Bengal yesterday

Thousands flee Bangladesh cyclone

By Christopher Thomas

A CYCLONE tore through Bangladesh last night, leaving death and devastation over a wide area. It formed in the Bay of Bengal and moved into the city of Cox's Bazaar, knocking out telephone communications. Winds reached 150mph, tossing slum homes over large distances.

As many as 300,000 people were evacuated before the storm hit. There are insufficient cyclone shelters for everybody and poor people are often reluctant to heed warnings issued by siren and over the radio for fear of losing their land and possessions to squatters. Some of the world's most devastating natural disasters have been caused by cyclones in Bangladesh.

The city of Chittagong also lost its telephone links, making it impossible for the authorities to assess accurately the scale of the disaster or to estimate the number of deaths and injuries. A tidal surge submerged the island of St Martin and adjacent islands, sweeping away trees and electricity poles.

Wind speeds increased as the storm hit the coast, a constantly changing delta that attracts the land-hungry poor despite the annual danger of cyclones. A disaster alert was given over much of the country as the cyclone neared the coast. Thousands of residents huddled in their homes by oil lamps and candles after electricity supplies were knocked out, awaiting the main deluge.

The runway at Chittagong airport was submerged beneath sea water, and any serious damage to it will hamper relief efforts. Tidal surges flooded a vast area of the south. Telephone communications failed as the storm progressed, giving an indication of its severity.

A chronic lack of cyclone shelters, which are built out of thick concrete, regularly forces people to abandon their homes or brave deadly storms. Bangladesh has built large numbers of additional shelters in recent years but it may never be able to construct enough for everybody, given the rapid increases in population.

The entire administration of southeastern Bangladesh, the area that seems to have taken the worst battering, was on red alert. Army and navy personnel joined civilian workers in rescue operations.

Sheikh Hasina Wajed, the Prime Minister, postponed a trip overseas because of the disaster. In 1991 an estimated 139,000 people were killed in a cyclone that devastated the southeastern coast, ranking it one of the worst national disasters on record in the world.

Gurkhas reduced to work as servants

From Catherine Field in Hong Kong

PENSIONS awarded to former Gurkha troops in the British Army are so inadequate that they are now competing with Filipino women for jobs as domestic servants in Hong Kong.

More than 200 former Gurkhas have returned to Hong Kong from Nepal to work as cooks, gardeners and drivers for wealthy families after being unable to support their families on British Army pensions of between £15 and £20 a month. Their British former comrades-in-arms get £475 a month.

"We are here as domestics because our pension is very low," said Khusiman Gurung, who joined the British Army in 1980 and retired in 1993 when Gurkhas were being phased out of Hong Kong. "This should open the eyes of the British Government about the way they treat Gurkha soldiers."

The Gurkhas receive between £416 and £666 a month as domestic servants. Mr Gurung says Hong Kong employers are attracted to the Nepalese fighters because of their reputation for discipline, loyalty and likeable manner. The Hong Kong Immigration Department says the territory has 439 domestic helpers from Nepal, compared with only 32 in December 1990.

Ricky Lai, whose Artfore employment agency has found servants' jobs for more than 100 former Gurkhas, said: "People like employing Gurkhas because they have trained as soldiers and have worked in Hong Kong before, so know the city. Chinese like employing Gurkhas because they are honest and they aren't interested in knowing about their background or where they got their money from.

"Nowadays, some Hong Kong people don't like to hire Chinese people because they ask too many questions about their money."

The Gurkhas' pension is calculated according to a 1947 agreement between Britain, India and Nepal which states that Nepalese soldiers in the British Army must receive the same pensions and benefits as those in the Indian Army.

Gurkha regiments were the backbone of Hong Kong's garrison since its headquarters was set up in 1974.

A further 50 Gurkhas have been hired as security guards in Macau, the Portuguese enclave across the Pearl River from Hong Kong, where they work in its casinos.

☐ £120,000 award: Chibilal Limbu, 46, a former Gurkha captain in the British Army, was awarded £120,000 after suing the Hong Kong Government and its catering equipment suppliers for burns he received which cost him his job. *(AFP)*

Frenchman jumps at chance to sell Albanian frogs

From Tom Walker in Durres

AMONG the first exports to emerge from Albania's economic gloom are live frogs — up to three tons a day, destined for the dinner tables of France.

The Albafrog company is the brainchild of Julien Roche, a French entrepreneur, and is unlikely to please the local authorities. Its corporate logo depicts a frog leaning on a concrete bunker while holding a Kalashnikov assault rifle. A French tricolour is wrapped around its chest.

Over the past chaotic months M Roche, whose other business interests include mobile telephones and a private airline, has been holding secret negotiations with the legions of frog catchers making a living from the nation's vast coastal marshlands. He said he and his partners have invested more than £150,000 in Albafrog.

The French love affair with *les grenouilles albanaises* dates back more than 30 years, to the days when a mysterious "Monsieur Arthuis" would tour the Albanian marshes with his refrigerated lorry. Since 1991 an Albanian family in the southern port of Vlore has exported up to 50 tons of frogs a year, but this year, with Vlore firmly in rebel hands, its collecting lorries are unlikely to make the hazardous trip north into territories not just infested with frogs but also President Berisha's loyalists.

"It's a beautiful market," said M Roche in his seafront villa adjacent to the President's summer residence. "The limits are determined not by demand but how much you can produce."

With commercial frog-hunting banned in France since 1976, gourmets have often had to endure frozen frogs from Turkey, China and Egypt. The quality of Albania's frogs was legendary, but the country's isolation precluded their export. "They have the best taste," M Roche said. "All that was needed was some organisation."

May is the start of the frog season in Albania, and M Roche's French business partner, Ludovic L'Aventure, has organised an *assemblée générale* of northern frog collectors in the port of Lezha. Among them will be Mark Cakaj, who has been the middle man in all frog negotiations in the village of Thumana for the past 23 years. Mr Cakaj showed off his plastic hunting apron and lit his ferocious German petrol lamp, the glare of which stuns into submission the millions of frogs in the nearby swamp drainage channels.

"I don't know about these French people," he said warily. "You have to know what you're about in this game, and I'd prefer to deal with Albanians. But I've brought five children up through frogs and I can't complain." Mr Cakaj takes frogs from up to 50 local people, whom he pays the equivalent of about 60p per kilogram. Only frogs weighing between 30 and 90 grams are selected, and on a good night up to 500kg are collected.

The fact that M Roche has started a frog business is unlikely to improve his relations with President Berisha: two years ago, M Roche received a trial load of 30kg of frogs from Vlore, and was suitably impressed by the few he ate. The rest he liberated in his garden, only to find that they had hopped across the road and invaded the wedding reception of his important neighbour's daughter.

Mark Cakaj: wary about new partners in amphibian trade

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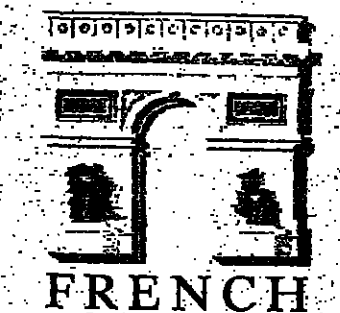
Le Pen and greens pose poll threat to Left and Right

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS



THE final week of campaigning in the French parliamentary elections has begun, with the pollsters forced into silence and parties buckling down to the complex mathematical conundrum that is the French electoral system.

In the first round of the election next Sunday, voters will cast their initial ballots for the 6,242 candidates standing for 577 parliamentary seats.

A candidate who attracts more than 50 per cent of the vote in the first round is automatically elected. Contenders who gain at least 12.5 per cent of registered votes can then go through to the second round a week later on June 1. If only one or, conceivably, none of the candidates passes the 12.5 per cent threshhold, then the two with the highest scores compete in the second-round run-off.

Few candidates are elected in the first round — the Centre-Right had just 80 outright winners in the last election, before a massive landslide-victory in the final poll — but the system winnows out the field and provides a key indicator of how the competing parties are squaring up.

The pattern of the dispersed first-round vote is also an intriguing glimpse into the national political mood, since many voters use the opportunity to vote for fringe parties or register a protest vote, saving their "important" vote for those candidates remaining in the second round.

The serious jockeying and regrouping will take place next week, between the first and second rounds, when the mosaic comes into sharper focus. In many cases this will translate into a straight battle between the two strongest contenders from the Right and Left, with unsuccessful candidates dropping out and putting their support behind the front-runner on their side of the political divide.

The Gaullist RPR party and the centre-right UDF have agreed to put up joint candidates on a coalition platform in all but a handful of constituencies; the Socialist and Communist parties, welded together in an uncomfortable electoral alliance, will field separate candidates in the first round and then combine forces in the second.

For the centre-right coalition, one of the most unpredictable elements in the equation is the challenge from the far-right National Front. The party, led by Jean-Marie Le Pen, has said its troops will fight on in the second round wherever it qualifies, which could mean a Front candidate in the run-off for as many as 150 seats. Few, if any, far-right candidates will be elected to the National Assembly, but by staying in the race they are likely to bleed votes from the Centre-Right to the benefit of the Socialists.

But the Left also faces its own wild cards in the shape of the diverse green movement, which is predicted to draw 5 per cent of the vote with about 1,000 candidates. The Verts, the largest ecology party, has drawn up a pact with the Socialists, agreeing to support the party's candidates in 77 constituencies in return for left-wing backing in 29 other contests. The six other green parties fan out across the political spectrum and may prove an important, if unpredictable factor, in the final outcome.

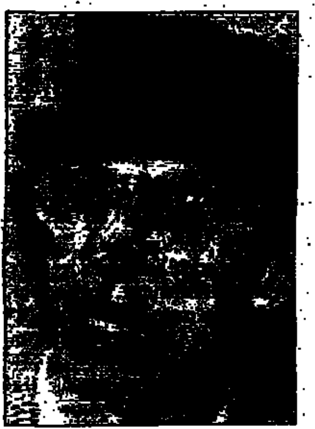
As required under French electoral law, the last opinion poll was published on Sunday, predicting a renewed but slimmed-down majority for the Centre-Right.

☐ **Pilots strike:** France's SNCF railways reported last night that traffic was slowly returning to normal after ticket inspectors in most cities voted to end a five-day strike that disrupted long-distance and inter-city trains.

Air transport is expected to be disrupted today when pilots at Air France plan to begin a four-day strike in protest at a planned cut in salary costs that would affect new pilot recruits. *(AFP)*

Venice 'raiders' pay their way

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME


Bossi: Northern League has been losing support

SIXTY demonstrators wearing green shirts of the separatist Northern League, who briefly occupied the Campanile (bell tower) in St Mark's Square, Venice, paid their entrance fee and left peacefully, it emerged yesterday.

The "raid" on Sunday, ten days after an armed assault on the landmark by militants campaigning for the city's independence, had a similar comic opera flavour. After a rally addressed by Umberto Bossi, the League leader, the protesters flew the green and white flag of "Padania", the mythical independent northern Italian state proclaimed by Signor Bossi last September.

The League leader hopes a "referendum" next Sunday will revive waning public support for secession. "The real point is that the League has been upstaged," *Corriere della Sera* observed. Signor Bossi has continued to exploit northern Italian resentment of high taxation from Rome, pointing out that Italy's difficulties in meeting the criteria for the European single currency are compounded by its need to subsidise the poorer, more corrupt and less efficient South. But his creation of "Padania", with its own militia, shadow government and currency, has largely fallen flat, with the League losing votes in local elections.

Behind his inflammatory rhetoric, Signor Bossi has begun to reopen the dialogue with Rome on whether the League might, after all, settle for devolved powers within a more federal Italy. More extreme separatists are outflanking him, and have sparked an impassioned debate on whether devolution can avert further acts of "terrorism".

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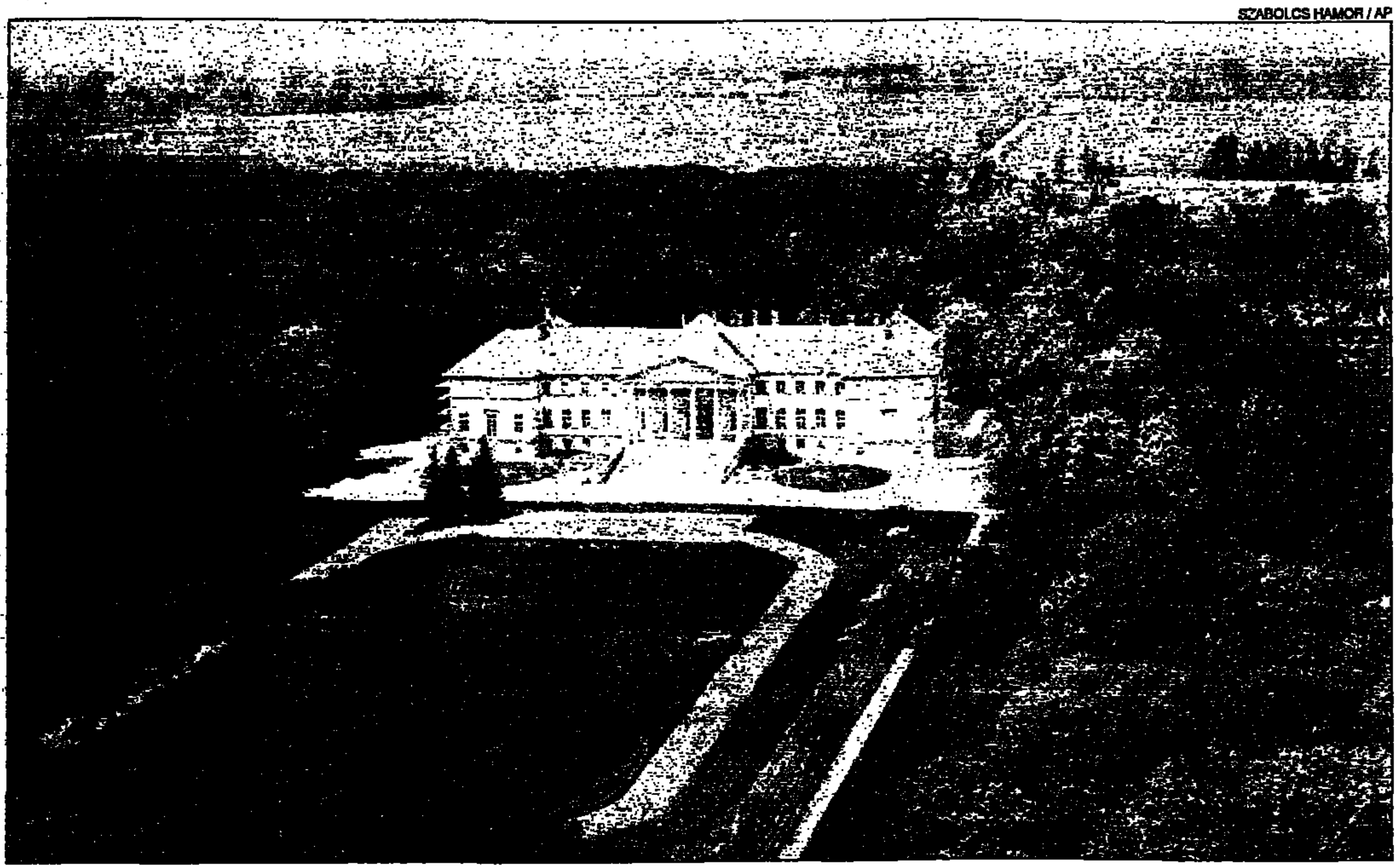
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Festetics manor in Deg, southwest of Budapest, comes with a swimming pool, a heated football pitch and lots of Hungarian red tape

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FROM EVA KEKES IN DEG, HUNGARY

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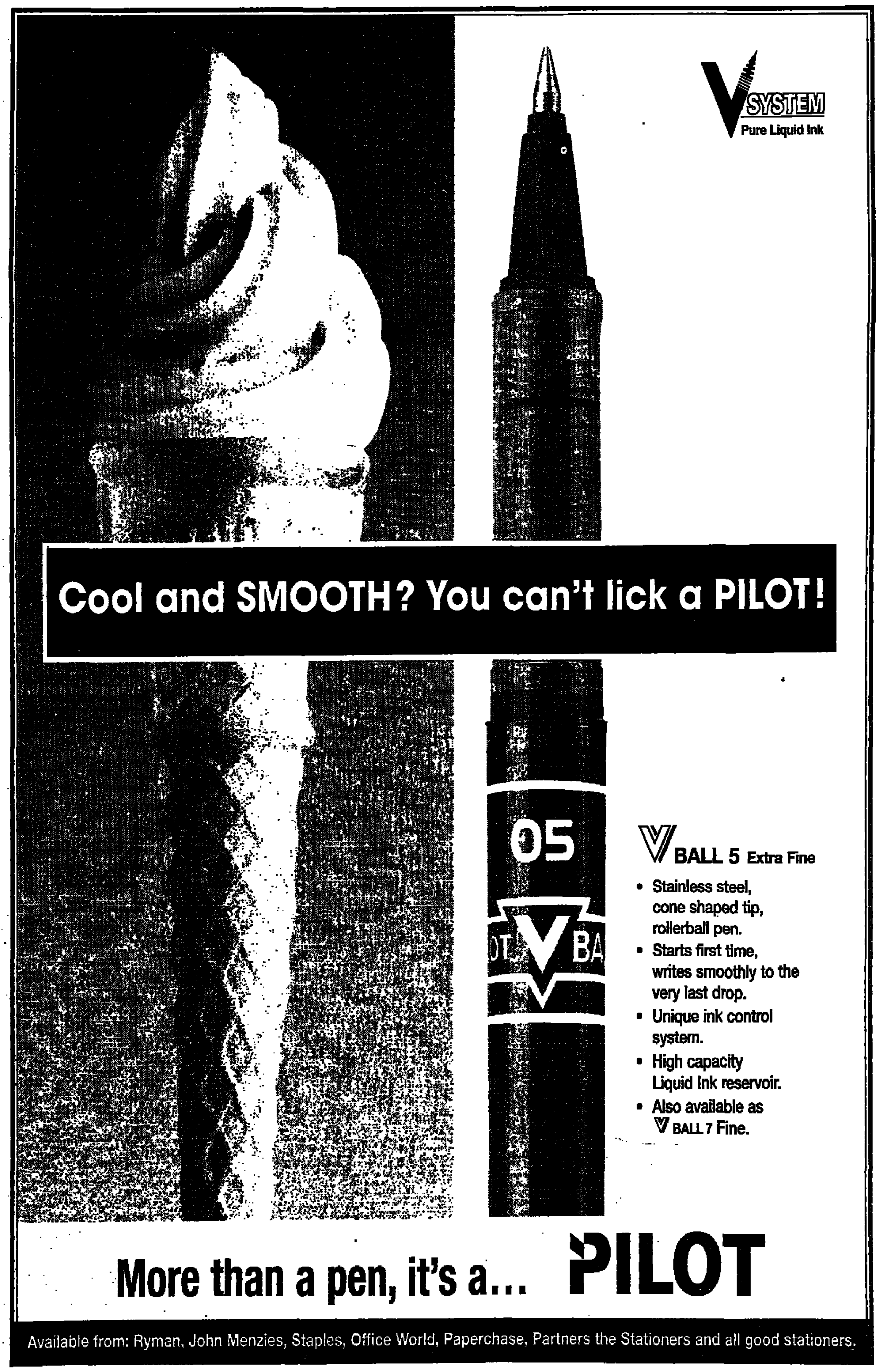
In addition to the cost, buyers face the equally daunting prospect of Hungarian bureaucracy. There is, for example, the lake at Festetics. It is under the authority of the Education Ministry. Asked why, Mr Salamin just shrugged, then added: "Since it is also a fish pond, the local fishermen's association has controlling rights over the fish."

And for good measure, a small villa on the tiny island in the middle of the lake is used by the Agriculture Ministry as a museum. "To further complicate matters, four families who also have rights live on the [Festetics] property in various buildings," Mr Salamin conceded. *(AP)*



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Opting for a quick cut and run

Surgeon **Peter McDonald** carefully selected a colleague with a steady hand and a sense of humour to perform his vasectomy

Some countries give you a medal the day your fourth child arrives. For me, it meant an operation. Only a minor operation under local anaesthetic but, as a surgeon, I've been doing vasectomies for years and I can tell you that the complications can be anything but minor. A swollen, blue scrotum, so large that it can be seen on the other side of the works canteen, is no laughing matter.

Forget the risk of cancer, loss of libido or a rise in your top E — that's all rubbish — but an operation is an operation even if it's "minor".

Peter with his daughter

It's seen as quaint to have four offspring, but there are dire economic consequences. For instance, it means buying one of those European people-carriers because Ford saloons can't cope. And there are other good reasons why it is essential to stop at four, the main one being that having five or more is thought rather vulgar and promiscuous — as if it was a sign of a relationship built on constant lust. Jokes about how often the TV must have broken down get tedious.

I concluded that I had to subject myself to the scalpel of a colleague — carefully selected for his steady hand and sense of humour. A quick cut and run. But wait a minute. Why me? Why not the missus? After all, I'm 42 and have the capacity to father ten million more babies. My wife's capacity, on the other hand, will shortly run out of its own accord. After all, it's not much more of an operation for her — a quick laparoscopy and a couple of clips. I know she doesn't want any more children: and, more importantly, my manhood bits would not have to be interfered with. So how about it, darling?

For some reason, this suggestion was ignored. My friends didn't think much of it either. "Get it done and stop whingeing," they said, and "Why not operate on yourself?"

I pondered a bit more and consoled myself by remembering that both operations are potentially reversible, although the success rates are not high. Admittedly, having a laparoscopic sterilisation is an unkinder cut than a couple of slits under local anaesthetic on either side of the goolies. But my wife seemed surprised when I suggested that she might be the intended victim. Almost as if I alone had caused the crisis, and so it was logical that it must be me who paid the ultimate price. After all, she was the one who had endured the pain of childbirth.

The surgeon I chose was a master of the *vas deferens*. As I lay on the table in my own hospital and felt the cold slap of iodine on my nether regions, I wondered if I would be as brave as all those souls I had operated on. The "just a little prick" routine seemed hilariously appropriate.

After a short pause, the scalpel went in and all was painless and good-humoured. We swapped a few more jokes and one of the staff nurses said how wonderful it was to be getting some sort of revenge after all those years of putting up with my tantrums.

Ten minutes later, I was on my way to the ward with my pants around my knees, leaning on the arm of a nurse. There was time for a cup of tea and a short drive home before the local anaesthetic wore off. I limped in and flopped on the sofa amazed at how painless it all was. My wife, who had just finished feeding the baby, looked up. She said, with a grin, that she could not yet detect a higher pitch to my voice (the first of many eunuch jokes I had to endure the following week).

By the second day, I was boasting how simple it had been. I was such a macho chap, taking it all in my stride. But I wish I'd kept quiet because the next day disaster struck. The sciatica attacked as I lifted the baby out of the bath — I was frozen in mid-air. I lay flat on the floor for five days.

Now, with my body completely repaired, I look back on my experience with some amusement. The discomfort has long gone and I'm hopeful that the rewards will make it all worthwhile.

Occasionally, I muse on the fact that I will never be able to father any more monsters. But no old-fashioned agonising about fertility and warrior status came to mind. I have long since been liberated from that. After all, I eat quiche and wear pink ties.

No more babies? I suppose I know a reversal is possible, but anyway I believe that I'm lucky to already have four healthy offshoots, so it's probably best to quit while I'm ahead.

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What a carry on: vasectomies may be minor in the league of operations, requiring only a local anaesthetic, but you have to be prepared to endure the eunuch jokes afterwards

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Have a great body without raising a sweat

Victoria Walker on Pilates, the exercise routine of the chic

For more than 60 years, Pilates has been the best kept secret of the fit, the chic and the beautiful. Neatly sidestepping the fashionable fads introduced every few months by image-crazed America, it has been quietly practised by dancers and an enlightened elite for decades.

As vital and beautiful today, at the age of 70, as she was when filming *Goldfinger* or *The Avengers*, Honor Blackman swears by it. Pat Cash has adopted it into his personal fitness regime, to complement the more vigorous and aerobic aspects of his athletic lifestyle, and Stefanie Powers says it is "the single most effective exercise technique I have ever known".

Designed to work the deep, architectural muscles, Pilates tones and strengthens the body. The effects on posture, physical health and the shape of a figure can be dramatic. While many conventional exercise programmes emphasise shortening and bulking of the muscles, Pilates aims to lengthen muscles and emphasises good posture and balance.

Although specially designed machines are often used to provide resistance, there is a marked contrast between a Pilates studio and a fitness gym. Pilates sessions are relaxing — soft classical music fills the air and the exercises are performed slowly and gently, so that there is rarely a sweaty torso or a messed up hair-do to be seen.

"I hate the macho philosophy of pushing your body to the limit," Miss Blackman says. "Exercising should not be about burn, burn, burn."

Honor Blackman: keen fan

Miss Blackman's introduction to Pilates more than 15 years ago was also the result of back problems: "I remember complaining to one of my fellow cast members when we were rehearsing for a stage production of the *Sound of Music*. I had awful problems with my back. I suppose it was a legacy of being thrown around on a hard floor when filming *The Avengers*."

This year she published a book on health and beauty tips, *How To Look & Feel Half Your Age For The Rest Of Your Life* (published by Virgin). In it she devotes a chapter to Pilates including detailed descriptions and photographs of ten exercises that can be done at home.

Pilates is named after German-born Joseph Pilates, who developed it to improve his own body. Settling in New York in the 1920s, he set up a studio with his wife, Clara. The exercises became extremely popular with dancers, but tended to remain exclusive to Pilates's own studio for he tailored programmes to suit individuals.

Alan Herdman, Miss Blackman's Pilates instructor, brought the technique to Britain in the 1970s. Mr Herdman's training in New York involved working intensively with Joseph Pilates's original assistants. He is now chairman of the UK Pilates Foundation and is often invited to teach in America, Japan and Australia.

Many doctors and osteopaths recommend it as an effective treatment for people suffering from chronic back problems. Mr Herdman works closely with physiotherapists and osteopaths. His clients even include people in their eighties and nineties.

Gordon Thomson (whose style of Pilates differs in some areas to that of Mr Herdman) trained with Ballet Rambert and the London Contemporary Dance Theatre. He opened his first studio in 1981 and is now director of the Body Control Studios in Kensington and of the Association of Pilates Teachers. A co-director of Teacher Training for the Association of Pilates Instructors, Lynne Robinson took up Pilates in Australia on the advice of her osteopath. "I suffered from terrible lower back pain," she says, "but Pilates helped me to overcome it and I haven't looked back."

Mrs Robinson is determined that Pilates should break away from its exclusive roots. She runs classes in Sevenoaks, Kent, and in London. Together with Mr Thomson, she has written a comprehensive manual featuring more than 40 illustrated exercises. They hope that the book, *Body Control: The Pilates Way*, will help to bring the technique to a wider audience.

Although it is perhaps best to experience the one-to-one intensive training of a qualifed instructor, these books will bring the benefits of Pilates into the homes of everyone.

● *Body Control: The Pilates Way*, by Gordon Thomson and Lynne Robinson, is published by Boxtree, £9.99

COUTURE BEAUTÉ
FOR THE BEST-DRESSED FACES

‘I am never going to be made a dame doing Dot’

After a four-year gap, actress June Brown is back playing the moaning Dot Cotton in *EastEnders*. But she has no idea why she was asked to return. Interview by **Noreen Taylor**

GILL ALLEN

“My face looked quite different when I was younger. I was much more glamorous. Having children put an end to my glamour”

The *EastEnders* publicity aide was apologetic. June Brown had finished filming for the day and returned to her natural persona. “Sorry, you couldn’t possibly photograph June as Dot Cotton now. It would take much too long. Clothes, make-up, hair, all of that.”

As if on cue, June appears at the doorway of the BBC canteen. She is dressed in a yellow silk shirt, olive silk culottes, and her hair is blow-dried into a chic French bob. Her stance is straight-backed and assertive. Even before I hear the drama school vowels, her appearance is living proof of June’s talents as an actress.

So skilfully does she play the soap’s batty old malcontent, hypochondriacal, full of prejudices, continually whingeing over her lot, boring everyone with her biblical tracts, it’s *difficult to believe that this is the* same woman.

Difficult also to believe that, after a four-year gap, the BBC has brought Dot — and June — back to the screen. Dot supposedly spent the years of exile with her son in Gravesend, Kent.

“No, I cannot think why they have done it. Couple of new storylines, I guess. They have asked me back a couple of times, but I’ve been busy producing and acting in a play, *Double D*, written by a wonderful young writer, Matthew Westwood. Have you got that? Yes, just like the bra size.

“Though I do get fed up living downstairs, you know,” confides June, striding into the canteen. “When am I going to return to proper theatre? That’s what I want to know. I am never going to be made a dame doing Dot. I’m only doing her until May, though, then I’ve got my Granada series, *Clayton Close*, with my lovely Eileen Alcock, the pub landlady.”

> ‘People of that age do not alter the patterns of a lifetime’

She *interrupts herself* to warn me: “I talk a lot, dear. A lot of rubbish mostly. An interviewer’s dream I am. What’s this? Tea in plastic cups.” She chastises the publicity woman. “Why didn’t you bring out the bone china? Looks much better in the photographs. Oh well, they’ve only themselves to blame. . .”

That’s how she is. On and on like an express train blithely ignoring the stops, whistling past, without a pause for directions, questions, responses.

“Cigarette, dear? So difficult being a smoker these days. I never go anywhere I can’t smoke. Once walked out of a Thai restaurant in San Francisco. Can’t remember how many! About 40 a day, maybe an hour, how should I know?

“Ruins the voice of course, smoking. Supposed to turn the face yellow, too. Had to have my teeth capped, it’s the gums, you see, cigarettes dry them up, gives you horse’s teeth. Could afford a facelift now, but what’s the point at my age? Lying in a coffin, all that expense for nothing.

“When I do theatre I simply tape this back. Same effect. See!” Turning round in her chair, she demonstrates *her own version of the non-surgical* facelift.

“All you have to do,” she says, lifting folds of skin from the side of her neck and pulling them backwards. “Cleans up the contours, lifts the chin.”

Firmly, and I mean firmly, I practically shout at her: “June, you left *EastEnders* four years ago, because you disagreed with the way Dot was being rewritten. So what’s changed?”

> ‘I’m flexible, I bend. That way you don’t snap’

“I shelved Dot simply because I grew weary of struggling to keep her true to her character, which was a nasty old lady, full of bigotry, the sort who thought you got Aids from a tea cup.

“Different writers would come along, want to make their mark by trying to clean her up, make her politically correct. In the end, I used to find myself slipping in phrases like ‘Ooh, I’ve come over all dizzy.’ You see, I didn’t think she should change. People of that age don’t alter the patterns of a lifetime. And I wanted my character to be true to life, like Alf Garnett. No one could say he was politically correct.

“Viewers aren’t daft, are they? They realise the Dots and the Alfs are with us. Just because they’re not thinking as we’d like them to, doesn’t mean they don’t exist. Quite sharp she is, too, Dot. Like a magpie, always reading her magazines, picking things up, full of information.

“Wanting Dot to be a nice old lady, does not work. Hopefully, they have realised that now. Growing old does not automatically make you mellow. I mean, I think I was a much nicer person when I was young.”

Stop! Stop! Just for a minute.

“Yes, well I did warn you.”

I merely wanted to point out that there is a great deal more to you than playing Dot, isn’t there?

“Oh, yes. I did me Lady M with [Albert] Finney. He was only 21, and I must admit I looked rather lovely.”

Exactly. *What I was going on to say* was that you spent years with the Royal Shakespeare Company in productions of *Hamlet*, *Macbeth*, *Twelfth Night*, and that other actors remember you as a great Hedda, a beauty whom Nigel Hawthorne once described as “one of the most beautiful creatures I’ve seen on stage”. I took the opportunity to give details of relevant incidents from her past. Maternal grandparents from the East End. Raised in Suffolk by parents who veered between riches and bankruptcy. Good schools. Joined the Wrens. During a wartime tour of Southern Command, became *involved with the stage. On leaving* the Forces, studied drama at the Old Vic. Married twice. First husband was the actor John Garley who gassed himself in their house, while suffering from depression. Had six children with present husband, the Shakespearean actor Robert Arnold. One baby died shortly after birth, another daughter was born suffering from a paralysis, but later cured through prayer.

An edited version, *This Is Your Life*-style, was the only way to silence her for a moment.

“They wanted me to do that show, actually. My children said no, she’d hate it. I’ve been on so many by now, people must think it’s my other day job.”

Her face curls in distaste: “Can’t imagine anything more awful than having to face all those people you’ve been running from most of your life, kissing, shaking hands. Oh Lord!

“Yes, my face looked quite different when I was younger. The eyes were bigger, lips fuller and of course, I was much more glamorous. And no matter what any one tells you, life is different once you lose your looks. You become diminished as a woman, no matter what you do. Like Vivien Leigh, she knew all about that.

“Having children put an end to my glamour. Had my hair in a *ponytail till I was 50.* Never stopped working, though. All my children had been on stage before they were born. All fed in theatre dressing-rooms, too. Couldn’t afford to do otherwise. *EastEnders* brought in money for the first time, which was lovely. I’ll come back as Dot from time to time, of course. Never get bored playing her because I know her so well. Anyway, you like having enough to do things for the children, don’t you?

“I’m talking a lot again. My downfall. Some journalists tend to take me too seriously. They write about me as though my whole life was one long tragedy, immersed in grief, darkness and spiritualism. Rubbish really. They didn’t understand me properly.”

I am not sure I agree. It seems to me, I say, that you’ve faced an inordinate amount of anguish. More than anyone’s alloted quota, if there is such a thing, and yet here you are, full of life, gutsier than those who haven’t been through a quarter of what you have.

“The only explanation I can offer is that I’m flexible, like a willow tree. I bend, go with the storms. That way you don’t snap.

“Having a lot of adversity in your life when you’re young prepares you for later. I lost a baby brother when I was five, then at seven, my favourite sister died. We took death in our stride then. We weren’t expected to fall apart or receive counselling. I simply went back to school and got *on with things.*

“Suicide leaves you with a terrible feeling of guilt, though. My first husband was a terrific actor, touched with genius and supposedly the best of his generation. I hadn’t known about his depression, you see. Alan and Yvonne Badel took me in afterwards. Marvellous couple, they were. Anyway, having been happily married for seven years, always being part of a pair, I got married to Bob 11 months later. Yes, it was a compliment to John, that’s how I look at it, too.”

Should Dot fall victim to another team of writers and, in the process, grow too bland, too politically correct for her tastes, what then?

“Oh I shall fade in and out as I *wish. Or I could leave and never be* seen again. You see, I have to be precise and truthful to my character. Drama teaches you certain truths and once ingrained you don’t easily throw them off.”

Her one remaining ambition is to work with Mike Leigh. “Put that in, dear.”

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Time's up for schools that fail

David Blunkett has a warning for incompetent heads and staff

The Government was elected on a manifesto with education at its heart. The Prime Minister has repeatedly made it clear that our priorities are "education, education and education". Having been given this important brief, my priorities are standards, standards and standards. The aim is to infuse everyone connected with education — teachers, parents, governors and business people — with ambition and purpose. We want schools that match the best in the world. This is the background to my announcement today about failing schools.

We shall always draw attention to the many successes of good schools. We shall search for best practices, celebrate them and seek to spread them across the country. But we absolutely will not tolerate underperformance. This may sound harsh, but if we are genuinely committed to success for every child — and each gets only one chance — then nothing less will do.

Our inheritance from the Conservatives includes almost 300 schools which have been inspected and found to be failing. Of these, the vast majority are improving, some steadily and some at an impressive pace. Those involved at every level deserve congratulations for this achievement. A hard core have been closed, enabling their pupils to transfer to more successful neighbouring schools.

But there are about 15 where progress is limited 18 months or even two years after an inspection, and where the evidence suggests that more might have been done by the school and the local authority to ensure that the pupils receive the education they deserve. The last Government was prepared to let things drift in this way. We are not.

From today, the Government will be calling in the local authorities and schools concerned to meet the Minister of School Standards, Stephen Byers. In the case of any grant-maintained schools on the list, the Funding Agency for Schools will be involved too. We have targeted the local education authorities and schools without political favour. Our concern is for the pupils, regardless of which party controls the local authority in which they live.

We recognise that by doing so we risk provoking controversy, but we have no intention of getting bogged down in sectional conflict with local government or anyone else. Yesterday *The Times* published its list of 38 long-term failing schools. Today we defend those which are making the necessary effort, but we shall be intervening in the other cases.

At the meeting, Stephen Byers will want to hear from the local authorities and schools concerned what they have been doing to put things right and what they plan to do next. No one pretends that it is easy to turn around a long-standing failure, but it is right to expect that everything that can be done is at least tried.

There is now extensive knowledge of what works in such cases. Many successful turnarounds have involved a change of head. Where a new head with high expectations and determined and astute management skills is appointed, progress usually follows. Finding a suitable candidate for some of the failing schools has proved difficult. This is what prompted Tony Blair's suggestion in a speech last December that it might sometimes make sense to allow the head of an already successful school to take over a failing one. This is what happened at the Ridings, where real advances have now been made.

Success has often involved dealing firmly with a small number of incompetent teachers. The Government is committed to streamlining the procedures for doing so. In the meantime, what matters is that heads and governors have the will, and that education authorities provide the backup to ensure speedy progress.

Above all, progress has been associated with the development in each case of a clear action plan, which sets targets and is then monitored. This plan must focus on bringing change in the classroom and must deal with more than just window-dressing. The clearer the plan is in the first place, the more likely it is that success will follow.

> Closure and reopening may have to be considered

The Government will want to hear from those involved in reviving schools how far they have sought and followed advice based on this good practice. We shall urge that where progress is inadequate, the idea of a "fresh start" — closing a school and reopening it with new leadership and a new mission — is considered. This has worked well in a number of instances.

No blueprint can be imposed in every school, but we should expect to see improvement quickly. What matters is that in each case no stone is left unturned in the search for improvement. Our starting point is that responsibility for improvement lies firmly with the school and the education authority concerned. We commend the efforts that many are making. If we find either schools or authorities dragging their feet, we will as a last resort use our powers to send in an improvement team to take over.

It may be said that concentrating so much attention on a handful of schools is not the main issue. I disagree. Of course the main thrust of our White Paper next month, and the legislation which will follow, will be the improvement of all the nation's 25,000 schools, but it is vital to establish at the outset that this Government means what it says about standards. The central message of today's announcement is that every child matters and that we want to work with teachers and parents to give every one of them a good start in life.

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Wrong scent, Mr Blair

If Labour really does stand for one nation, it should not exclude country people by banning hunting

Libby Purves

There is a black rumour circulating. It fills me with dismay, the first prickings of unease to pierce the golden haze of new Labour euphoria. It says that instead of allowing a Private Member's Bill and a free vote, the Government is preparing to put its official weight behind a ban on hunting with hounds.

It does not have to do this. The Labour manifesto promised only a free vote on foxhunting, not adoption of the Bill. It was not in the Queen's Speech. This inessential frilly pelmet of a measure does not lie anywhere near the heart of new Labour's vast solid project of restoring confidence and humanity to a divided nation. Education, unemployment, the environment, housing, welfare, Europe, prisons all clamour for the clear-eyed idealism and disciplined rigour that Mr Blair's Government has shown so far. Since the morning of that landslide, the nation has been like parched ground gratefully soaking up an unexpected new sense of common purpose.

Why should that Government, everybody's Government, be bounced by single-issue lobbyists into putting its gravitas behind the banning of foxhunting? Why should Mr Blair neglect urgent tasks to facilitate the tacky symbolic gesture of criminalising a pastime that amuses hundreds and employs thousands? It can only do political harm. The positive, classless image of his party is an asset that will be useful in uniting us behind tougher reforms. To impose this law would align new Labour irrevocably with one sector of society: the politically correct, prissily sentimental urbanite.

For this is not a blow against some semi-imaginary "upper class" with red faces, red coats and stirrup-cups: it strikes wider than that. A hunting ban backed by the Government would send a message to the countryside that its people were not included in the unity and happiness of May 2. By countryside I do not mean the new rich, nimby idyll, nor the quasi-suburban dormitory villages decked with security lights and kerbstones. I mean the older, poorer, remoter, cottagers' countryside, which earns little, says little but follows old ways out of tradition and fascination. It asks for no subsidy, no lottery money, no approval, only that its kennels and stables and muddy cold winter preoccupations should be let alone. If this minority were a tribe of the same size and antiquity living in Irian Jaya and using blow-pipes, the politically correct urban voices would be vehement in its defence. Because it is here, under our noses, it is despised.

So let me don the Martin Bell outfit, the white suit of sleazelessness and disinterested public spirit. I don't hunt and never have. I know what it is to be infuriated by the rudeness of a hunt in a narrow lane, and to giggle at the kind of blimps who — before the sweet reasonableness of Robin Hanbury Tenison and Baroness Mallalieu — used to wreck their case in public debate with arrogant dim brayings. Once when chairing a television debate, I goaded a hunting type to reply to the populist indignation, and all he could say was: "It isn't us who kill the *forxx*, it's the *hinds*." Nor do I belong to hunting society: in the days before the election I made myself very unpopular by arguing with horsey neighbours that it would be wicked for them to ignore the wider good of the country and use their vote just to safeguard their hobby. The very word "hobby" marked me as a ghastly outsider who would never understand.

Moreover, I firmly believe that most hunting of live quarry will end anyway during the next decade or so. The social structures that support it are decaying, tastes are changing, drag-hunts and bloodhounds are gaining the interest of a new generation of horsemen. In a nation where the urban majority rules, a successful Private Member's Bill is always just around the corner. This discourages heavy investment in the hunts' animals and people. Some 15,000 dogs will die if the sport goes; nobody wants that number to rise, and packs shrink accordingly. Nobody goes into any of the hunt or gamekeepering trades these days in hope of a long career.

So that is where I stand: I neither hunt nor think the hunt has many years left. But I can accept the arguments of those who do. The environmental case is strong. Hedges, ditches, meadows, woodland, and wide grassy headlands on agricultural land are all excellent for wildlife and plant diversity, and all desired and therefore maintained — against the agricultural trend — by field sportsmen. As long as you have private landowners at all, it is better for the look and the health of the land that they should have such motives. The argument for rural trades is compelling too: there will always be recreational riders, but without the magnetic fascination of the hunt many farriers, saddlers and livery stables would close, as surely as the kennels.

If you happen to care about equestrian sports, there are other arguments. The hunt, pouring over fences and ditches, is a uniquely tough, unpredictable, exciting, companionable milieu for a horse. The market for hunters has meant that the British horse has never suffered as much as it might from overbreeding for rarefied uses. Our horses are famous for stamina, versatility, sociableness and even temperament, whether they end up on the hunting field or winning medals in competition. (Irish horses, of course, are even more noted for these good qualities, because in Ireland the hunt is even deeper in the culture.)

Against all these varied benefits to humans, hounds and horses there must be set the interests of the fox. Hunts argue, correctly, that foxes would be culled anyway; although admittedly the hunt does kill in a spectacularly nasty way. Almost as nasty as the way pet cats kill birds and mice, pet dogs worry sheep and foxes tear up chickens. But at least the individual fox has a free, wild, natural life right up to the last hour of flight and death, and the huntsmen face up honestly to the part they play in the rough raw ways of nature. Although I have no wish to watch it, I have always secretly approved of the custom so many opponents cite as barbaric: the "blooding" of a child at its first kill. At least by smearing the blood on your face you openly accept your responsibility for animal death.

The rest of us don't: what happens to the hunted fox is infinitely less cruel than what happens every day in the darkness of battery farms, bullock-sheds and turkey factories. A vixen's life and death are a thousand times preferable to the life and death of a crated sow, a mare tormented and confined so that her urine may be harvested for HRT hormones, or even a cow weighed down by painful, artificially stimulated udders. The fox, frankly, has it easy. I honour those who campaign coherently for the easing of all cruelty to all animals; it is difficult to respect those who shy away from hard targets but are driven by a blend of sentimentality, squeamishness and class hostility to focus their attack on the hunting minority.

I should not like to think of the intelligent energy and genuine goodwill of this new Government being hijacked by such people. This is not what Mr Blair meant by "practical measures in support of noble causes". The measure's hollow heart has been exposed by one unwary remark. The Minister for the Countryside, Elliott Morley, said: "There are more foxes killed on the road than by fox hunts, and so the only justification for hunting is entertainment. That cannot be allowed in a modern society." In other words, it isn't the death that matters but the pleasure: his "modern society" means allowing only the sanitised pleasures of leisure-centre tennis, step-aerobics videos and motoring around the countryside squashing animals. Older, harder, subtler traditions and philosophies must be denied any expression.

Abolitionists, send no more pictures of dead fox cubs. The tide of history is with you, and you will almost certainly win in the end. All I ask is that your senseless triumph should not be identified with a Government that could do real, lasting good. And will do, if only it has the sense not to stoop to pick up every meretriciously shiny bauble in the gutter.

These are not hard times

Anatole Kaletsky tells Brown not to be a Gradgrind

"Times are hard", said Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, yesterday as the Treasury announced a dramatic improvement in government finances and three days after unemployment fell below 6 per cent. If this is Mr Dobson's idea of hard times, one wonders what he will feel like if interest rates, taxes and sterling all start rising, and even the trend in unemployment begins to turn up.

Gordon Brown should think about it too. The Tories warned during the election campaign that Mr Brown would use Labour's first Budget for 18 years to create a profusion of new taxes, going far beyond the windfall levy on utilities announced in its manifesto. The warnings were dismissed by Tony Blair as scaremongering, but they have been made more credible by the bizarre behaviour of the Confederation of British Industry and other business lobbies, which responded to the Labour victory by demanding an increase in tax. Britain's businessmen are begging to be ravished; Mr Brown must be sorely tempted to give them what they want.

In this temptation, the usual roles of the devil and the angel are reversed. "Take advantage of the business community's unexpected passion for higher taxes," whispers the puritan devil on Mr Brown's right shoulder. "This will allow you to fill the Treasury's coffers while you have the chance, in readiness for a public spending binge before the next election." The Keynesian angel on his left shoulder replies: "Tony Blair has talked of a new trust on tax with the British people. Stick to the spirit of this promise, not just to the letter of your legalistic pledges about the *rates* of income tax."

Which course will the Chancellor choose? Yesterday's extremely downbeat comment from the Treasury in response to the glittering figures on public borrowing suggested that greed may be gaining the upper hand over fear. Is this a signal that the Chancellor has "looked at the books" and is now preparing to blame a large tax increase on "the mess the Tories left behind"?

If that is what he plans, Mr Brown is making a big mistake. First, it is simply untrue that the Tories have left a mess in the public finances. The long-term course of the national debt is firmly under control. The long-term fiscal outlook in Britain is far better than in Germany, France, Japan or America. Even the much discussed "demographic timebomb" holds no fears for the British taxpayer, as the OECD found two years ago, in a study which showed that on present trends Britain would repay its entire national debt by 2025, while Germany and France would see theirs double. A tax increase based on the false premise that public finances are out of control would therefore undermine the new Government's reputation for political plain-dealing, and in the present circumstances it could do great economic harm.

Britain's biggest economic problem today is the overvaluation of sterling. Inflows of foreign money, attracted by the world's highest interest rates combined with the strongest public finances, have pushed the pound back to the crippling level of 1990-92. A tax increase now would make British bonds even more attractive, pushing sterling still higher and tightening the noose on the very industrialists who have been foolishly calling for higher tax. In the days before the Bank of England was independent, the Government could have prevented such a vicious circle simply by cutting interest rates. It is this theory that a tighter budget would produce lower interest rates and a lower pound that explains the businessmen's appeals for more taxes. But in the brave new world of central bank independence, the old relationship between taxes, interest rates and sterling is likely to be reversed. The Bank will not cut interest rates automatically in response to higher taxes. In fact, it could easily raise them further after a tough Budget, since a soaring pound initially tends to stimulate consumer demand.

So the result of a tough Budget could be a triple whammy of higher taxes, higher interest rates and a higher pound. This combination might not prevent continued strong consumption before Christmas, but it would certainly create a bust by 1998 — and vindicate John Major's warning that Labour would "blow" the healthy economy the Tories had bequeathed.

Cynics on the Labour benches may be prepared to risk such a mini-recession in 1998. After all, who wants a strong economy in the first half of a Parliament? Far better politically to have a slowdown next year, followed by a boom in the year or two before the voters have to be faced again. But Labour leaders should beware of such cynical manipulation: it did not save the Tories and it will not save a Labour Government that loses the appearance of economic competence and trustworthiness. The day the Labour Government is forced to announce an increase in unemployment caused by its own unforced blunders could be Tony Blair's Black Wednesday.

Motherly love

THE reception of David Hockney's latest exhibition has been vicious and sometimes vindictive, but one woman is having none of it: his mother, Laura. Mrs Hockney, 96, divides her time between the family home in Bridlington, East Yorkshire, and a nearby nursing home. Her family now have to keep back newspaper articles criticising her son, because she finds them too distasteful.

"We have to keep a close eye on what she reads," says the artist's elder sister, Margaret, who lives in Bridlington. "We don't want her seeing anything critical, or anything about David and smoking or sex, that worldly-wise stuff. She gets annoyed if she doesn't think it's true and it's awful. David can do no wrong in her eyes."

Hockney's relationship with his mother is very close. She has been a devoted follower of his career, and he returns home from California at least four times a year. He has spent every Christmas at home since 1961. The top floor of the house in Bridlington has even been turned into a studio for the family prodigy.

Protecting Laura Hockney from the bad press sounds like full-time work. "We are keeping her on the safe local rags," says her daughter, "and if she does find a national, we have to cut out any nasty pieces beforehand."

David and his mother: no worldly stuff

Bad time

TAMARA BECKWITH, the most It-less of the "It girls", is still perspiring on her chaise longue having been set upon in the King's Road by a heard of celebrating Chelsea fans. She had just stepped out of her front door at the weekend when she was sprayed with beer by a gang of inebriated assailants. They began jumping up and down and asking her to recreate a set of topless photographs of her in Cannes which had found their way into a tabloid last week.

Her male companion was pinned up against a wall and eventually rescued by an American friend, giving Beckwith the chance to flee on her high heels. Last night a friend said she was "ill" in bed and unavailable for comment.

● *Bobbing in the sea of crumpled linen suits at Sunday's launch of the second* River Cafe Cook Book *in Hammersmith was Peter Mandelson, MP, triumphant in jeans and a painfully tight white shirt. When one of his Labour luvvies approached him with congratulations, he leaned down, chin first and whispered: "You know, I am sooooo powerful."*

Our party

ALL the bitterness of the election is forgotten in Putney, where romance is on the cards between Ateeka Poole, the Independently Beautiful Candidate, and Patrick Robertson, heel-clicker-in-chief to the Referendum Party candidate, Sir James Goldsmith. Robertson, along with various other red-blooded young referendiks, invited Miss Poole, 24, to the Farewell to the Referendum Party last Friday.

Though she was prepared to pose semi-clad for her campaign literature, a ruse which won her 49 votes, Miss Poole is more modest about the attentions she is now receiving. "They asked me to their party and to several other things," she says. Despite sharing their views on a Referendum for Europe, she seems too sensible a girl to get involved with such a caddish lot. "I haven't accepted any of their invitations. Yet."

● *Classicists should take note of an under-used facility at the Hempel, Anouska Hempel's preposterously minimalist hotel in West London: the library. "We don't find that many of the guests actually read the books," says a hotelier, "because they are not in normal, everyday English." In fact they are mainly Latin and Greek classics, collected, according to the bookplates, from the Augustine Fathers of Ballyboden and the Archbishop Corrigan. Not the usual reading of the fashion set.*

Anonymous

SHOPPING for bulbs at the Chelsea Flower Show yesterday, John Major, who in defeat is becoming ever more like the Peter Sellers character Chancey Gardener, showed that he has a better eye for a bargain than his wife. When the couple found some yellow Moonshine tulip bulbs, Norma thought ten would be enough. Her husband, however, spotted that there was a discount for 50, and ticked the box for the larger order.

When he filled in his form, however, he left the address section empty. "Everyone knows where we live," he reasoned to his wife. "Our address is in all the reference books." Happily, she was able to persuade him that now he is no longer PM, he should stop being so grand and should fill in the form in full, so that the order does not get lost *en route* to Cambridgeshire.

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LEADERSHIP VACUUM

Feuds fester when a party lacks direction

Given the Tories' current unhappy position, it is easy to understand why the party wishes to put off hard decisions. The leadership election has not, so far, provided the Conservatives *with new hope. The* character of the candidates matters but so does a sense of proportion, and the attention paid to the *reasons* for Derek Lewis's dismissal has obscured an honest examination of the reasons why the Tories were sent packing.

The sight of a party at war with itself, its leading figures indulging in recrimination, is profoundly off-putting for the electorate. Ann Widdecombe may want the best for the Conservative Party but the scrap between her and Michael Howard is doing it no good. The arguments between them damaged Mr Howard's capacity to attack the Queen's Speech and obscure his lucid prospectus for a more flexible EU, outlined in today's Centre for Policy Studies pamphlet, *The Future of Europe.* It is a pity for both the Conservative Party and the country that Mr Howard's future, not Europe's, should be the issue of the hour.

Damaging as this feud is, its prominence is a symptom of a deeper malaise — the Tories' lack of leadership. The vacancy was formally announced on May 2 but the vacuum was apparent well before then. It is the absence of leadership which allows lieutenants the space to squabble. Yet some, including William Rees-Mogg yesterday and correspondents on this page today, still argue for delay in filling the vacancy. They believe that postponement would give time for a fuller inquest, a better choice, and a wider franchise.

They should realise that hands-off treatment for haemorrhages proves fatal. It is hard to see how order can be restored by a caretaker leader whose authority is undermined by his built-in obsolescence. No interim figure, however respected, could prevent manoeuvring for the succession. Intrigue would occupy energies better directed against Labour. The Conservative Party cannot afford another long period of debilitating uncertainty. The Tories' caretaker would become their undertaker.

Better by far to choose one of the six imperfect but all, in their way, impressive candidates currently on offer. The act of electing a leader would give the party a renewed sense of purpose and direction. Policy could be formulated in confidence. Most importantly, the massive constitutional changes Labour is proposing could receive the scrutiny they need. Moreover, delay in the hope that the Tories' King over the Water might return is as unrealistic in current political circumstances as Jacobitism itself. Given the scale of Tory unpopularity, there is no guarantee that Michael Portillo or Chris Patten could make it back *to the Commons for years yet, even if* they wanted to. An engineered by-election is likely to backfire. The voters have shown *what they think when the Tories try to take* them for granted. It would be folly to put the Tory party through purgatory when the hope of *subsequent salvation is so slim.*

To delay the election specifically in order to broaden the franchise is to betray the activists whose interests are invoked. *The Times* has already argued that the new 1922 Committee should organise the election for the next leader on as broad a basis as possible consistent with the minimum delay. Those who argue that the election must wait until every member can be consulted are, again, making the best the enemy of the good. Ultimately, the Tory party should move to one member, one vote, but the need for leadership should take precedence over any *preferred* method of election. Defending the British constitution is more important than perfecting the Tory party's.

A WHIMPER NOT A BANG

One rather small cheer, at most, for the US budget bargain

Two years ago the bitter struggle over the shape of the American budget absorbed Washington. The newly elected Republican majority in Congress outlined their intention to eliminate the federal deficit entirely by the year 2002. Newt Gingrich and his troops proposed reductions in public spending exceeding $1 trillion and tax cuts totalling $245 billion to reach that goal. This *supremely ambitious package* actually passed Congress despite the obvious political risks involved. It was felled by the veto *of President Clinton. That battle shaped* American politics throughout 1995 and 1996. Mr Clinton won the war of public relations then and was re-elected in its wake.

The President and Congress have now announced agreement on a plan to reduce public borrowing by $350 billion over five years and achieve a budget surplus by 2002. One might have thought that rejoicing would break out in the American capital. Both Democrats and Republicans in the White House and on Capitol Hill have proclaimed the "historic nature" of their compromise. Commentators and citizens alike *have, though, greeted this "landmark"* development with supreme indifference.

The virtues of a balanced budget have long held an important place in American political folklore, if not economics textbooks. This year the Senate fell but one vote shy of the two-thirds majority necessary to write the principle into the American constitution. Every American state except Vermont places some sort of similar restriction on its government. The short-lived Confederate States of America, formed by the seceding southern states during the Civil War, also endorsed the concept. The notion is at least as American as apple pie and baseball.

All this might make the absence of enthusiasm for the latest budget accord even more surprising. However, the muted response is more than justified by the facts. The arrangement offers some prospect of marginal additional restraint in Washington spending. That is worth having. With good fortune and a healthy economy it might meet its stated *objective in the narrow timetable* set. It does not address — indeed goes to great lengths to avoid — the fundamental factors that will determine the state of US *public finances in the next century.*

Mr Clinton and his Republican adversaries managed to accommodate each other because the *Congressional Budget Office* announced that it had underestimated future revenues by a vast $225 billion margin. At a stroke all the difficult and divisive choices that had deadlocked negotiations dematerialised. The politicians discovered they could lower taxes, preserve popular programmes, and still arrive at the promised land of fiscal equilibrium within a five-year framework. The deal delivered is a pale shadow of the blueprint that Congress bravely backed in 1995. Nonetheless, it has been presented as a dramatic triumph.

This was the best that could be expected between a *Democratic President and* Republican legislature. But it will do little for the American economy in the short term and less for American politics *in the medium* term. The real issues that affect the US budget — notably the expensive entitlement programmes of Medicare and Social Security — have been left unresolved. They will have to be addressed after the next presidential contest. By then Bill Clinton will be enjoying his retirement. His successor will have few reasons to thank him for this agreement.

WAITING FOR THE BUSES

They also serve a writ who only stand and wait

Professor Robert Stanton is a folk hero for the age. He is suing a bus company for the frustration of waiting for a bus, and for the *subsequent cost of hiring* a taxi for the bus that never came. The taxi fare came to only £2.80, though the lawyers' meters will tick up faster than that. *But Professor Stanton* is resorting to the courts for breach of contract. The West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Authority had publicly undertaken through its timetables to provide a bus to convey him from Howarth to Keighley. Even after an unconscionable delay, no bus came. So the professor is enacting the Walter Mitty dream of all who *stand hopelessly in queues.*

Everything comes to him who waits; except the bus. And when it *does* come, modern folklore says that it arrives full up, or in convoy with other buses to the same destination; *or it drives* past without stopping, spraying the queue with puddles from a thunderstorm, weather permitting. Or its driver announces more *cheerfully* than is decent in the circumstances that his shift ends here and so his bus will travel no farther. More passengers would complain about the service if they could find a conductor to *complain to.* But modern buses have got rid of conductors, making the driver also collect the fares, thus making the queues slower, the wait longer and the buses later.

Patience is not a virtue much practised in the modern world of potentially fast transport and instant gratification. Road rage is just one explosion of the frustration built up by fast wheels jammed in stagnant traffic. The London Underground has experienced some examples of Tube rage. But passengers on buses have learnt to expect the worst, and they are seldom disappointed. They are as much stock characters for waiting for something to turn up as those who have arranged for the gasman to call. Or, it has to be said, as publishers waiting for manuscripts from some professors. Other countries seem to *manage their bus timetables* and destination boards more efficiently. But the bus pass always seems greener in another system. Railways publish tables of trains running on time, which means up to ten minutes late, and allow delayed season-ticket holders to claim their money back, if they had the patience to fill in the complex forms.

Everybody has always *commended* patience; but few have been willing to practise it. The first hero of Western literature, while waiting in his equivalent of a queue for the 271, said: "Be patient, my soul; thou hath suffered even worse delays than this." But his long-suffering resolution would not have stopped Odysseus pacing continuously up and *down and looking repeatedly* and incredulously at his watch, if he had had one.

So all patient waiters for buses and other things that never come will cheer for Professor Stanton. They may not have the time or patience with the long delays of the law to sue for themselves. But his action speaks for them all. It might just spur the *slowcoaches.* But in any case, it provides a more cheerful topic of conversation between strangers stuck hopelessly in the bus queue.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Tory party's need to confront 'hard facts' on leadership

From Mr Philip J. Duly

Sir, Amid the growing demand within the Conservative Party for increased membership involvement (letters, May 16, etc), I detect a reluctance to confront the hard facts surrounding the party's unceremonious removal from office. Widening the franchise for leadership elections may have merit but is unlikely to have a major impact on the party's electoral appeal.

A prerequisite for electoral success is strong leadership and a sense of purpose and direction, something the Conservative Party has lacked since 1990. John Major always sought to *distance himself from his predecessor* and his government too often appeared to be in power but not in control of events.

The Conservatives now have at least five years and probably longer to redefine their policies. They must be prepared to speak clearly and openly.

Above all, they must occupy the natural Tory territory in defence of the independence of the nation state and argue the case for an urgent renegotiation of Britain's membership terms *of the European Union. They must* be careful not to neglect their core beliefs: freedom of the individual, minimum state control and increased private provision.

In my view only John Redwood offers the basic essentials for future electoral success: consistency, coherence and clarity.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP J. DULY,
16 Birchalls, High Lane,
Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex.
May 19.

From Sir Anthony Beaumont-Dark

Sir, It does not seem possible that only two weeks ago my party had been in office for 18 years that transformed our country into something of which we could all be proud.

After a massive defeat the Conservative rump left at Westminster has become an undisciplined mob who *think they are fit to decide* the leadership of our party.

I can tell them it's not on, because *about 70 per cent of Conservatives* are not represented by them, and if we are to climb back to being electable within *ten years our supporters in England,* Scotland and Wales must have a say.

The only action for them, instead of *the unseemly battle for leadership,* is to elect either Norman Fowler or Tom King for a period of at least 12 months, and then, having changed the system to give votes to every constituency, see who emerges as a "true" leader.

If they make the wrong move now, I fear the Conservatives may not even end up as the official Opposition in Parliament.

Yours very sincerely,
ANTHONY BEAUMONT-DARK
(Conservative MP for
Selly Oak, 1979-92),
124 Lady Byron Lane,
Knowle, Solihull, West Midlands.
May 16.

From Mr Lawrence T. Roach

Sir, The besetting sin of the British ruling elite is to imagine that the solution to any problem is to be found in choosing the right chap to deal with it. So it is with the Tory party, if Lord Rees-Mogg is to be believed ("Exhausted volcanoes", May 15).

The plea that the selection of a new Conservative leader should be delayed is well made. First decide what you are going to do and then choose the best man to do it. Only in the governance of Britain is that sensible process commonly reversed, to our continuing disadvantage.

Yours sincerely,
LAWRENCE T. ROACH,
43 Ripon Way,
Borehamwood, Hertfordshire.

From Ms Janet Girsman

Sir, William Rees-Mogg's prognosis that John Redwood will not be elected as the new leader of the Conservative Party because he correctly warned that they would lose the election was extraordinary.

Is he confirming that the party has not learnt the lesson of their electoral defeat and is still so sodden with sleaze that a leadership contender cannot be honest and find support?

Yours faithfully,
JANET GIRSMAN,
61 Oak Tree Drive, Totteridge, N20.
May 16.

From Mr Philip Bremridge

Sir, As a lifelong Conservative activist, aged 85, I am simply sickened by reading, in your correspondence columns, one politician after another *rubbishing one another,* and in your news columns reports of the same.

Why can it not be accepted that *most people of all parties enter politics* out of a sense of duty and service to their country? Of course, different principles and different policies will and must be advocated, but they are not advanced by vituperation.

Historically, politics is an honourable profession; *let us keep it so.*

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,
PHILIP BREMRIDGE
(Member, Conservative Research
Department, 1945-51),
8 Monks Lane,
The Ridge, Corsham, Wiltshire.

From Mr Philip Bushill-Matthews

Sir, Can we stop the letters saying that "only" candidate X or candidate Y will be right for the job? Can we please agree that whoever is finally chosen then becomes the perfect choice? And that all candidates pledge their support in advance for the winner?

Otherwise, the only winner will be Tony Blair — rather than William Hague, who is of course the only possible choice . . .

Yours sincerely,
P. BUSHILL-MATTHEWS,
The Manor House,
Harbury, Warwickshire.
May 18.

From Mr David de Mattos

Sir, Does the Conservative Party need a leader in Parliament at this time? There are plenty of able senior Tories of sectional, if not sectarian, views available to question the Prime Minister.

Surely the need is for a party chairman of standing, similar to that of the Speaker of the House of Commons, under whose even-handed guidance the Tory party could recover its poise. Private debate of the party's purposes, *structure and place in the political life* of this country would serve the party better than the present public disruptive *infighting for leadership.*

Electing a new leader for the salutary duty of guiding Her Majesty's *loyal Opposition should be done when* the party has re-established its unity and self-confidence. Such a man may expect to be the Prime Minister to succeed Mr Blair, an unlikely role for anyone elected in present circumstances.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID de MATTOS
(Chairman, Crichel and
Witchampton Branch, North Dorset
Conservative Association),
Abbey Cottage,
Witchampton, Wimborne, Dorset.
May 18.

Brown suit

From Mrs Mary Willis

Sir, Perhaps the Chancellor might *wear the kilt at the Mansion House* banquet (letters, May 13, 14). Indeed it would be a useful visual aid if all Scots MPs repesenting Scottish constituencies were to do so, as this would help us to see just how over-represented Scotland is at Westminster.

It would be even more useful after the devolution Bill has been rushed through and the Scots have their own parliament as well as their MPs at Westminster voting on matters concerning England.

Yours faithfully,
MARY WILLIS,
9 Harvey Court,
2 Oxford Road, Redhill, Surrey.

Independent Bank

From Professor Ian Markham

Sir, I am deeply bewildered. Anatole Kaletsky (article, Business, May 9) is adamant that Gordon Brown's decision to accede responsibility for interest rates to the Bank of England will lead to a financial crisis which will culminate in the demise of this Government. The obvious question is: if that is the case, why isn't Germany *constantly beset with financial crises?*

This leads to a wider question. *The Times* has positioned itself as the *main representative* of Euroscepticism. Europe, we are repeatedly told, is destroying itself with its federalist ambitions for a single currency. Yet statistics show that the vast majority of countries in mainland Europe are richer than us. How is this possible?

Yours sincerely,
IAN MARKHAM
(Liverpool Professor of
Theology and Public Life),
Liverpool Hope University College,
Hope Park, Liverpool.

Bevin's bust

From Sir David Crouch

Sir, If Robin Cook wants a portrait of Ernest Bevin as the Labour Foreign Secretary he most admires (Riddell on Monday, May 12), may I suggest he asks the Director of the Tate Gallery for a loan of the magnificent bust of that great statesman by Sir Jacob Epstein, which the Tate holds.

This unique portrait sculpture (I believe there was only one casting) was lent to the House of Commons in 1988 on what was termed a "long loan" but is no longer on display there. Perhaps a similar "long loan" of, say, five years to the Foreign Secretary might be a nice gesture by the Tate Gallery?

Yours faithfully,
DAVID CROUCH
(Chairman of the Advisory Committee
on the Arts to the Speaker, 1983-87),
The Oast House, Fisher Street,
Badlesmere, Faversham, Kent.
May 12.

Channel Tunnel safety

From Mr Stefan B. Tietz

Sir, While the findings of the Channel Tunnel Safety Authority regarding failures in safety procedures are disturbing [report and leading article, May 14; see also report, May 19], with many of the recommendations clearly demanding attention, calls from others, *such as fire-service leaders,* for expensive changes to the open-sided rolling stock require better perspective.

According to figures issued by the Department of Transport there are 3.4 deaths or serious injuries per billion passenger kilometres on rail — less than one quarter of those applying to buses and coaches, which are the safest form of domestic surface transport — and less than a fifteenth of injuries associated with car travel.

Ferry disasters have also highlighted the hazards of travel by sea. It would be unfortunate if any endeavour to make railway travel yet safer were to transfer traffic to significantly less safe modes of transport.

Hazards may receive unwarranted prominence when addressed by officials whose sole or primary brief is the improvement of safety. Their very brief introduces a bias which needs to be corrected if resources allocated to risk reduction are to remain in balance.

Approximately 17 years ago the late Lord Zuckerman recommended an independent "hazard committee", given the task of advising government on the relative benefits of investing in disparate areas such as nuclear energy or other sources of power, in order to achieve the best value on risk reduction. The Channel Tunnel fire is only the latest of many recent controversies when such a committee would have *proved useful* by *reducing the risk of* draconian regulations being drawn up in panic.

Yours faithfully,
STEFAN B. TIETZ
(Consulting engineer),
1 Halsey Street, SW3.
May 15.

Antarctic commitment

From Commander M. B. F. Ranken,
Honorary Secretary of SWAG
(South West Atlantic Group)

Sir, Your recent obituaries of Sir Michael Shersby (May 9) and Eric Ogden (May 10) recall a letter initiated *by Lord Shackleton and signed by* them both, among others, which you published on February 4, 1982, two months before the Falklands invasion.

It warned once more against withdrawing the White Ensign from the South West Atlantic and Antarctic, as was then imminent after John Nott's ill-considered decision to scrap *HMS Endurance* without replacement on her return home.

The 1982 conflict undoubtedly saved the Falklands and South Georgia from eventual handover to Argentina. The subsequent massive investment in air access and defence, together with a fisheries bonanza and the equivalent potential for offshore oil, bid fair to providing these islands with long-term security and great prosperity, out of which contributions can soon be expected towards UK defence costs.

Britain, as a founder signatory and leader of the Antarctic Treaty system, seeks to sustain the pristine integrity of that frozen continent, as well as to protect the living resources which surround it. The British Antarctic Survey and today's superbly capable icebreaker, the new *Endurance,* bear clear witness to our commitment in these remote and frigid latitudes.

I trust that our new Government will maintain these southern commitments, whilst at the same time seeking equitable and in due course stable relations with Argentina.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL RANKEN,
Honorary Secretary,
SWAG (South West Atlantic Group),
44 Castelnau Mansions,
Castelnau, Barnes, SW13.
May 12.

Birds in decline

From Lord Hamilton of Dalzell

Sir, May I offer, as a contribution to the debate on the subject of falling bird numbers (letters, May 13), this extract from the Betchworth Game Book for 1929?

> *In all parts of England, this season has* been nearly a record. Partridges especially have done extremely well, remarkable in that a succession of bad seasons since 1923 had practically wiped them out. 1927 had been a disastrous year and stocks had dwindled to nothing. Whether the hot summer or the cold winter are responsible nobody knows . . .
>
> The sad lack of partridges at Betchworth is attributed to:
> 1. The laying down of the country to grass.
> 2. The increase of weekend traffic, thereby filling the fields and footpaths with people and dogs during the nesting season.
> 3. The large number of foxes in and around the estate.

Partridges are but one of a number of ground-nesting birds which would have suffered in this way. *Plus ça change?*

Yours faithfully,
HAMILTON of DALZELL,
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Betchworth, Surrey.
May 13.

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Cash no solution for British films

From the Editor of Screen Digest

Sir, However welcome lottery money will be for British film production (report, May 16) the problem lies not so much in the making — last year we produced more films than in any year since 1963 — as in the showing.

Typically, about 50 per cent of all American films shown in this country are given a release on 100 screens or more. The proportion of British films given such an opening varies year by year but is likely to be around 5 per cent. Statistically, it is probable that the more films are produced the *smaller the proportion that receive* "blanket" release.

Our analysis appears to demonstrate not only that American films are much more abundant but that each one of them is up to ten times more likely to get a significant release. Dominance of British exhibition by American-owned distributors may be one of the reasons, as the Monopolies and Mergers Commission has reported twice in the last 30 years.

Intervention in distribution is difficult *to effect. It seems inescapable,* however, that unless investment in production is backed up with support at the distribution and exhibition stages in the film chain, such money will almost certainly not produce the returns that ought to be expected.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID FISHER,
Editor,
Screen Digest,
37 Gower Street, WC1.
May 16.

From Mr William Marshall

Sir, I have bought my last lottery ticket. Why should the lottery and public money subsidise the so-called *"British" film industry.*

These movie makers are not producing Rembrandts. They are in it *for profit and if they can't make it in* the international marketplace that's too bad.

Yours,
W. MARSHALL,
41 The Drive, Chingford, E4.
May 15.

Tobacco advertising

From the Chief Executive of the
Association for Public Health

Sir, According to the spokesman for the Tobacco Manufacturers' Association, Clive Turner, "There is no evidence that advertising persuades people to smoke. All it does is per*suade smokers to change brands"* (report, May 15; see also letters, May 10, 14).

But in the same issue (details, Business) you report that the chief executive of the Imperial Tobacco Group, Gareth Davis, believes that existing voluntary restrictions (on advertising) have worked well in reducing the number of smokers.

If restrictions on advertising cause smokers to give up, then advertising obviously does influence people's smoking. Does Mr Davis know something that Mr Turner doesn't?

Yours faithfully,
DONALD REID,
Chief Executive,
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May 16.

Author's view

From Mrs Jane Whiter

Sir, I should like to endorse Lady Antonia Fraser's suggestion of a book windfall for the millennium (letter, May 19) — and to suggest that it *should be extended to schools, whose* library-book funds have all too often been pillaged in recent years in the *pursuit of "computer literacy".*

Books purchased with this money could be identified with a specially designed book plate to commemorate the occasion. Such an action would demonstrate commitment to reading for all: I can imagine no more appropriate celebration of the occasion.

Yours faithfully,
JANE WHITER,
35 Market Street,
Swavesey, Cambridge,
May 19.

Fingers in a twist

From Miss H. M. Ridge

Sir, Anybody who is superstitious can tell Tony Banks that fingers crossed *(report and photograph, later editions* May 14) only works with your hand behind your back.

Yours faithfully,
HEATHER RIDGE,
39 Andrewes House, Barbican, EC2.
May 15.

Minority rights

From Mr Tim Sanders

Sir, The Serious Crime Bureau is to "gather data on all unresolved murders of women, children and homosexuals" (report, later editions, May 16). Any chance of their extending this to cover the rest of us?

Yours faithfully,
TIM SANDERS,
8 St Albans Road, NW5.
May 16.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 19: The Queen, Patron, Royal Horticultural Society, and The Duke of Edinburgh this evening visited the Chelsea Flower Show in the Gardens of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

His Royal Highness, Colonel, Grenadier Guards, this afternoon chaired a meeting of the Regimental Council at Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, London SW1.

May 19: The Duke of York this morning visited the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library and Home, Hyde Park, New York.

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited Marist College, New York.

The Duke of York this evening attended a Dinner at the New York Palace Hotel in aid of the American Air Museum in Britain.

May 19: The Prince Edward this evening attended the final of the RTTC Masters Real Tennis Championship at The Queen's Club, Palliser Road, London W14.

May 19: The Princess Royal, Patron, the Guild of Agricultural Journalists' Congress Britain '97, this morning gave the keynote address at the congress conference at Shrigley Hall Hotel, Shrigley Park, near Macclesfield, and was received by the Viscount Ashbrook (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Cheshire).

Her Royal Highness this afternoon opened the Millbrook Unit at Macclesfield District General Hospital.

The Princess Royal later visited the Chelsea Flower Show, Royal Hospital Road, London SW3.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 19: The Prince of Wales today visited Essex and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (the Lord Braybrooke).

His Royal Highness, President, this morning launched Business in the Community's Eastern Region at the Ford Engineering Centre, Dunton, Laindon, Basildon, and met a number of local business leaders.

The Prince of Wales later opened the Centre for Young People at the Old Post Office, Furtherwick Road, Canvey Island, and met representatives of the Essex Youth Service together with young people using the Centre.

His Royal Highness, Patron, this afternoon attended a Luncheon at Kelvedon Hall, Kelvedon Hatch, Brentwood, in aid of Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund's Essex Appeal.

The Prince of Wales, President, Business in the Community, afterwards visited the Quayside Maltings, High Street, Mistley, Manningtree, toured the buildings and attended a meeting with Council representatives about the regeneration of Mistley Quayside.

His Royal Highness later received the Rt Hon Christopher Patten (Governor of Hong Kong) at St James's Palace.

The Prince of Wales was represented by Sir John Riddell, Bt, at the Memorial Service for Mr Michael Bentine which was held in St Paul's Church, Covent Garden, London WC2, this afternoon.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 1: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon this evening visited the Chelsea Show of the Royal Horticultural Society in the Gardens of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

Her Royal Highness named the new alstroemeria, "Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother", on behalf of Her Majesty.

May 19: The Duke of Gloucester today visited Hampshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire (Mrs Mary Fagan).

His Royal Highness visited St Mark's Church of England Primary School, Farnborough, to mark its Centenary and afterwards opened Hampshire Voluntary Housing Society's Stiles Drive development, Andover. Later His Royal Highness opened the new teaching facilities at Cricklade College, Andover.

The Duchess of Gloucester this afternoon attended the Preview of the Royal Horticultural Society's Chelsea Flower Show in the gardens of the Royal Hospital Chelsea, London SW3.

YORK HOUSE
May 19: The Duke of Kent this evening attended the Royal Horticultural Society's Annual Chelsea Flower Show at the Royal Hospital Chelsea, Royal Hospital Road, London SW3.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
May 19: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Rt Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, this evening visited the Chelsea Flower Show in the Gardens of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron-in-Chief, Victory (Services) Association, will attend a luncheon at the Victory Services Club, at 12.10; and as Grand President, will preside at a council meeting of the British Commonwealth Ex-Services League at Buckingham Palace at 3.00.

The Princess Royal will open "The Princess Royal Distribution Centre", Stonebridge Park, London NW10 at 10.45; as President, Save the Children Fund, will attend a reception for Key Donors (Trusts) at the Institute of Contemporary Arts, 12 Carlton House Terrace, at 12.30; and will open the Museum of London's exhibition *In Royal Fashion: the Clothing of Princess Charlotte of Wales and Queen Victoria 1796-1901* at the Museum of London at 6.00.

Princess Margaret will visit the Order of St John Trust in Lincolnshire; will visit the trust's home at Beckside, North Hykeham at 11.40; will visit the Central Office, Wellingore Hall, at 12.35; and will visit the trust's home at Digby Court, Bourne, where she will open the new day centre at 2.45.

Lecture

British Museum
The Duke of Gloucester, a Trustee of the British Museum, attended the first A.W. Franks lecture delivered by Sir Nicholas Goodison, Chairman of the National Art Collections Fund, at the museum yesterday.

Memorial service

Mr Michael Bentine
The Prince of Wales was represented by Sir John Riddell at a service to celebrate the life of Mr Michael Bentine, radio and television comedian, held yesterday at St Paul's, Covent Garden. The Rev Guy Bennett, Actors' Church Union Chaplain, London Palladium, officiated and Mr Richard Bentine, son, welcomed and introduced the speakers.

Mr Samuel Kershen read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland and Mr Patrick Macnee read *High Flight* by Pilot Officer John Gillespie Magee. Mr David Lodge, Mr Patrick Moore, Mr Raymond Baxter, Mr David Shepherd and Sir Harry Secombe paid tribute.

During the service Señor Juan Martin played the guitar.

A fly-past by the Red Arrows took place after the service. Among others present were:

Mrs Bentine (widow), Miss Serena Bentine (daughter), Ms Marie Lawrence Sinel, Elliot Bentine and Harry Bentine (grandchildren), Arthur, William and Nicolas Sinel, Mr Philip Bentin (brother), Mr John Bentin, Mr Jose Bentin.

Lord Hanson, Sir John and Lady Lushington, Pamela Lady Lushington, Sir John and Lady Mactaggart, Lady Secombe, Air Chief Marshal Sir Denis Smallwood, Air Chief Marshal Sir Roger Palin (RAF Benevolent Fund), Air Marshal Sir David Cousins (representing the Chief of the Air Staff and the Air Force Board) and Lady Cousins, Lady Crowley-Milling.

Mrs Spike Milligan, Mr Clive Dunn, Mr and Mrs Francis Matthews, Mrs Frank Thornton, Ms Katy Secombe, Mr David Secombe, Mrs Samuel Kershen, Mr Raphael Djanogly, Mr and Mrs R Gulliver, Mr Chubby Oates, Mr Stanley Unwin, Mr Alec Johnston, Mr David Impey, Mr Alan Darby, Mr Graham Darby, Miss Jean Allison, Dr Tim Wallace-Murphy, Mr David Bartlett.

Mr James Gilbert, Miss Barbara Kelly, Miss Lynsey De Paul, Mr and Mrs Anthony Pollock, Mr and Mrs Gerald Flint-Shipman, Mrs Raman Subba Row, Miss Amanda Carter, Mr J McNally, Mr and Mrs Gerald Freeman, Dr and Mrs C E Collino, Mrs D Tighe, Mr and Mrs M Sutherland, Mr and Mrs Edward Darville, Professor and Mrs Eric Laithwaite, Mr Michael Pinder, Mr Mark Barty-King, Mr Tony Boyd.

Mr Dennis Doble (Anglo-Peruvian Society) and Mrs Doble, Mr Lew Lane (Grand Order of Water Rats), Mr Sidney Vauncez (*The Stage*), Mr Jonathan James-Moore (BBC Radio Light Entertainment), Mr John Fisher (Thames TV), Mrs Margaret Stroud, Miss Sheila Conachy and Mrs Dawn Chaperlin (Royal Marsden Hospital), Mr Chas Farrow (Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway) with Mr Peter Casartelli (representing the association), representatives of the Vic-Wells Association, the Hospital Broadcasting Association and many other friends.

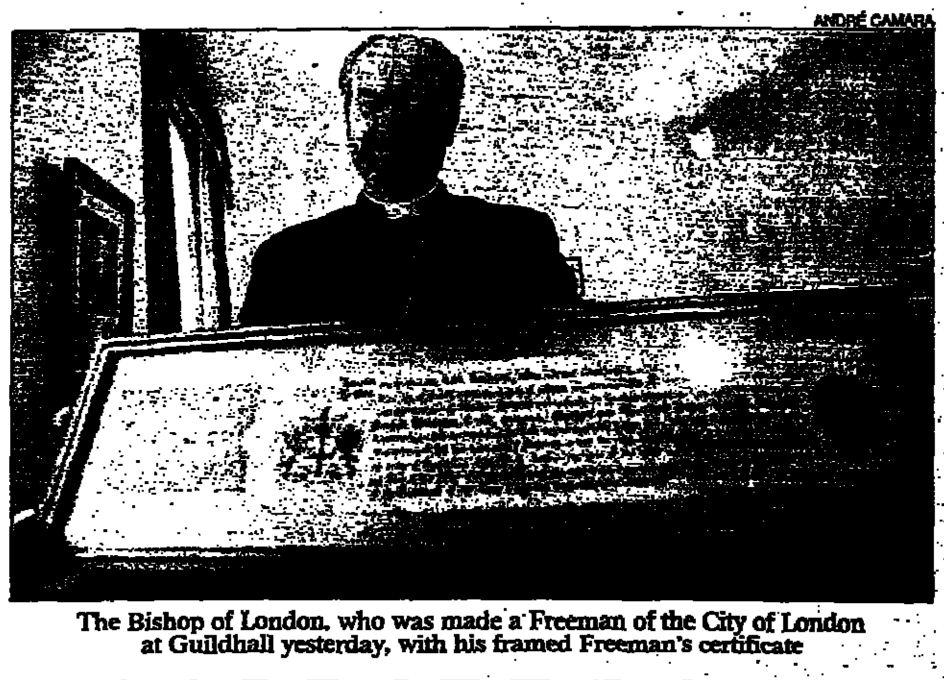
Treasury Counsel appointments

Mr Nigel Sweeney to succeed Mr David Calvert-Smith, QC, as First Senior Treasury Counsel at the Central Criminal Court. Mr William Boyce and Mr John Kelsey-Fry to be Senior Treasury Counsel at the Central Criminal Court. Mr Brian Altman and Mr Aftab Jafferjee to be Junior Treasury Counsel at the Central Criminal Court.

Hawthornden Castle Award

The Hawthornden Castle Award for the best art writing, given in memory of Jack Heinz, has been awarded this year to John Sebastian McEwen.

ANDRÉ CAMARA



The Bishop of London, who was made a Freeman of the City of London at Guildhall yesterday, with his framed Freeman's certificate

School news

Eton College
The following boys have been elected to King's Scholarships:

I.J. Mobbs (Milbourne Lodge), S. Stokes (Orley Farm), A. Grenfell (Caldicott), J.P. Steer (Caldicott), I.J. Mazour (Westminster Under School), A.G.R. Summers (Prestfelde), A.J. Profumo (Colet Court), A.A. Biswas (Dragon School), N.E.G. Leslie (Westminster Under School), K.Z. Rozwadowski (St John's Beaumont), R.A.S. Bush (Caldicott), T-L.R. True (Rokeby), S.M. Cutmore-Scott (Westminster Under School), E.W.B. Holmes (Rokeby), M.C.D. Sears (Haileybury Junior School).

The following boys have qualified for the title Oppidan Scholar:

A.D. Wheatley-Hubbard (Sandroyd), H.H. Briance (Colet Court), T.P.B. Lucas (St Ronans), O.T.M. Cook (Papplewick).

The Annah Shaw Scholarship: T.P.B. Lucas (St Ronans).

The Oppidan Exhibition: R.K.R. Patel (Haileybury Junior School).

Haberdashers' Monmouth School for Girls
Speech Day and the Presentation of Prizes will be at 2pm on Thursday, May 22, 1997. The Guest Speaker will be Sister Pat Murray, of the Loreto Education Office, Dublin. Rebecca Grindon has been appointed Head Girl for the coming year, with Louise Cottington and Rebecca Jarrett as Deputies. Georgia Snell is Captain of Boats. Sports Day will be held on Monday, July 7, and Term ends on July 10.

Sherborne School
The following awards have been made at Sherborne School:

Scholarships
N M Pothecary (Top), Sherborne Preparatory School; P J F Le Flufy (Ross Wallace), Hazlegrove House; J J Collins, Hazlegrove House; D A C Gordon, Port Regis; A C Morley-Smith, Hazlegrove House; W P D Yates, Sandroyd; N A D Zarb, Sexey's School.

Exhibitions
N A P Beattie, Woodcote House; J A W Board, Twyford and Sherborne School; R E Bulger (Nutting), Westbourne House; C J S Hart (Raban), Lambrook; D C M Hoey, Wolborough Hill; N J Minns, St Edmund's, Hindhead; D D O'Connor, Mount House; M J Patterson, Sherborne Preparatory School; P J C Shaw-Brown, Brambletye.

Jeremy Irons
J C Britten, Hazlegrove House; W Fegen, Lambrook; D A C Gordon, Port Regis; G J D Scott, The Downs, Wraxall; R H G Angell, Dumpton; O L R East, Sandroyd; R W Jordan, Chafyn Grove; P J F Le Flufy, Hazlegrove House; P W Luard, Hazlegrove House; D D O'Connor, Mount House; N M Pothecary, Sherborne Preparatory School; P A L Thom, Sherborne Preparatory School; L W Vassay, Port Regis; E J C Westropp, King Edward's, Bath.

Art Exhibition
E J Horder, The Pilgrims' School.

Sixth Form Scholarships
O D Harbridge (Crawhall-Wilson), Arnewood School, New Milton; S B Ryu, Birkdale School, Sheffield; S W Tai, Sherborne School International Study Centre.

Music Scholarships
T E Baynton, Dumpton School; P J Flanaghan, Salisbury Cathedral School; F P J Line, Salisbury Cathedral School; G P Male, Port Regis.

Sherborne School is a registered charity which exists for the education of boys.

Winchester College
Winchester College announces the following Scholarships for 1997:

Academic Awards
Scholarships: 1 D.F. Wyatt (Downsend School, Leatherhead); 2 J.P.T. Robb (The Pilgrims' School, Winchester); 3 W.R.H. Haydock (Summer Fields School, Oxford); 4 J.P.D. Rann (The Pilgrims' School, Winchester); 5 (Exhibition) S.K. Singla (Winchester College & Caldicott School, Farnham Royal); 6 (Exhibition) R.C. Birchall (St George's School, Windsor Castle); 7 D.Y-F. Tsui (St John's College School, Cambridge); 8 O.T.R. Jones (Hazlegrove House, King's School Bruton Junior School, Yeovil); 9 J.D. Phillips (Cantell School, Southampton); 10 (Exhibition) J.P. Bayliffe (The Pilgrims' School, Winchester); 11 A.I. Morrison (The Old Malthouse, Langton Matravers, Swanage); 12 D. Joy (Milbourne Lodge School, Esher); 13 (Exhibition) J.W. Norriss (Farleigh School, Red Rice, Andover); 14 A.J. Blanckley (The Pilgrims' School, Winchester); 15 R.A.S. Rowlatt (Milbourne Lodge School, Esher); 16 (Exhibition) J.R.J. Gray (Westminster Under School, London SW1); 17 A.W.A. Duval (The Hall School, Hampstead); 18 (Exhibition) T.W.M. May (Mall School, Twickenham); 19 J.K. Halliday (The Prebendal School, Chichester); 20 R.J.C. Buckley (Polwhele House, Truro); 21 R.J. Hayward (St Aubyns School, Rottingdean).

Numbers 5, 6, 10, 13, 16 and 18 placed Exhibition first in their order of preference.

Sixth Form Awards
C.D.H. Good (Colfe's School, London); V. Jovkovich (Forest School, Horsham).

Music Awards
R.C. Birchall (St George's School, Windsor Castle); D.T. Mills (Woolston School, Southampton); F.M. Burt (The Pilgrims' School, Winchester); T.J.B. Searle (Amesbury School, Hindhead); T.A.L. Park (The Pilgrims' School, Winchester); J.P.T. Robb (The Pilgrims' School, Winchester); D.Y-F. Tsui (St John's College School, Cambridge); J.E. Ramsay (Dulwich College Preparatory School, London); A.J. Blanckley (The Pilgrims' School, Winchester); C.G. Mauleverer (The Pilgrims' School, Winchester).

Birthdays today

Mr Tim Albery, opera director, 45; Mr John Arkell, former director of administration, BBC, and industrialist, 88; Mr David Ashcroft, former Headmaster, Cheltenham College, 77; General Sir Hugh Beach, 74; Sir David Berriman, former chairman, North East Thames Regional Health Authority, 69; Dr John Bradfield, chairman, Commission for the New Towns, 72; Sir Robert Bunyard, former HM Inspector of Constabulary, 67; Sir Clifford Butler, FRS, former Vice-Chancellor, Loughborough University, 75; Mr H.T. Cadbury-Brown, architect, 84; Professor I.R. Cameron, Provost and Vice-Chancellor, University of Wales College of Medicine, Cardiff, 61; the Rev Professor Owen Chadwick, OM, KBE ecclesiastical historian, 81; Cher, singer and actress, 51; Flight Lieutenant J.A. Cruickshank, VC, 77; Mr Lynn Davies, athlete, 55; Mr Greg Dyke, chairman and chief executive, Pearson Television, 50; Mr Keith Fletcher, cricketer, 53; Mr Nigel Griffiths, MP, 42; Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir John Harrison, 76; Lord Hollick, 52; Mr Martin Honeysett, cartoonist and illustrator, 54; Mr Simon Keswick, director, Jardine Matheson Group 55; the Very Rev Professor John McIntyre, theologian, 81; Mr David Mayhew, a partner, Cazenove and Company, 57; Viscount Mills, 41; Mr Jeremy Nichols, Headmaster, Stowe School, 54; Miss Michèle Roberts, novelist, 48; Mr Peter Shore (life peer), 73; Sir William Simpson, former trade unionist, 77; Earl Spencer, 33; Mr James Stewart, actor, 89; Sir Iain Vallance, chairman, BT, 54; Captain David Younger, Lord-Lieutenant of Tweeddale, 58.

Luncheons

Royal Over-Seas League
The High Commissioner for Barbados and Mrs Simmons were the guests of honour at a luncheon of the Royal Over-Seas League held yesterday at Over-Seas House, St James's. Sir Geoffrey Ellerton, chairman, and members of the central council were the hosts.

Rotary Club of London
Mr Ian Barclay, Director of Action Trust for the Blind, was the guest speaker at a luncheon of the Rotary Club of London, held yesterday at the Portman Hotel.

Australia British Chamber of Commerce (UK)
Mr William Beerworth was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Australia British Chamber of Commerce (UK) held yesterday at the Mayfair Intercontinental Hotel.

Forthcoming marriages

Captain C.A. Lockhart and Miss L.E. Lloyd
The engagement is announced between Captain Crispin Lockhart, The Blues and Royals, younger son of the late Lieutenant Colonel B.J. Lockhart and the Hon Mrs Lockhart, of Maugersbury, Gloucestershire, and Lucy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Lloyd, of Stutton, Suffolk.

Mr M.J. Wade and Dr C.S. Dashwood
The engagement is announced between Michael John, only son of Mr and Mrs Peter Wade, of Compton House, Sutton Green, Surrey, and Caroline Sarah, youngest daughter of Sir Francis Dashwood and the late Lady Dashwood, of West Wycombe Park, Buckinghamshire.

Mr D.N. Campbell and Miss P.J. Hopkin
The engagement is announced between Duncan, eldest son of Mrs Pauline Hawken, of Bridport, Dorset, and Mr Lawrence Campbell, of Bridport, Dorset, and Penelope, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs N.B. Hopkin, of Sydling St Nicholas, Dorset.

Mr J.R. Maughan and Miss G.A. Kendall
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs Colin Maughan, of Shipley, West Yorkshire, and Georgina, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.B.E. Kendall, of Alderton, Wiltshire.

Mr J.A. Ritchie and Mlle E. Barthes
The engagement is announced between Jamie, younger son of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Ritchie, of New Romney, Kent, and Emmanuelle, only daughter of M and Mme François Barthes, of Paris, France.

Dinners

HM Lord High Commissioner
Lord Macfarlane of Bearsden, Her Majesty's Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and Lady Macfarlane gave a dinner last night at the Palace of Holyroodhouse. Among those present were:

Lord and Lady Macdonald, Lord and Lady Taylor of Gryfe, the Archbishop of York, Mr and Mrs John Cunningham, Mr and Mrs Rupert Barclay, Mr and Mrs Ian Croxford, Mr and Mrs Dougie Donnelly, Mr J Elliot and Dr Alison Elliot, Dr Tom Fleming, Mr and Mrs Patrick Gordon-Duff-Pennington, Mr and Mrs Stewart Thomson, the Rev William and Mrs Wallace and Professor and Mrs John Ward.

North Yorkshire Lieutenancy
The Deputy Lieutenants of the North Yorkshire Lieutenancy held a dinner on May 9 in honour of Sir Marcus Worsley, Bt's, tenth anniversary as Lord-Lieutenant of the County. Lord Gisborough, Lieutenant, was a speaker. The Vice-Lord Lieutenant, Major General H.G. Woods, arranged the dinner.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League
Sir John Stokes was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mrs Elizabeth Cresswell presided.

Marriages

Mr T.M. Attenborough and Miss F.A. Fitzgerald
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 17, at St James-the-Less, Stubbings, of Mr Timothy Attenborough, son of Mr and Mrs Philip Attenborough, of Seal Chart, to Miss Fiona Fitzgerald, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs John Fitzgerald, of Maidenhead. The Rev Stephan Welch officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Katherine Fitzgerald, Camilla Fitzgerald, Anita McCulloch and Thomas Boorman. Mr Julian Parkin was best man.

A reception was held at Danesfield House, Medmenham, and the honeymoon is being spent in the Grenadines.

Mr P.N.W. Brett and Miss G.L. Ironside
The marriage took place on May 10, 1997, at Grange Church, Kilmarnock, between Mr Philip Brett, son of Dr and Mrs Norman Brett, of Ferndown, Dorset, and Miss Gillian Ironside, daughter of Mr and Mrs Graham Ironside, of Kilmarnock, Ayrshire.

Mr D.J. Everitt and Miss J.E.L. Taylor
The marriage took place on May 17, 1997, at St Mary's and All Saints Church, Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, of Mr David Everitt, only son of Mr Edwin Everitt and the late Mrs Everitt, of Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, to Miss Jane Taylor, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Harry Taylor, of Pinner, Middlesex. The Rev Will Adam officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Sarah Taylor, sister of the bride, Miss Sasha Byrne and Mrs Amanda Heather. Mr Jonathan Shepherd was best man. Mr Mark Walker and Mr Greg Hoile were ushers.

A reception was held at the Compleat Angler, Marlow, Buckinghamshire and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Pietro Bembo, cardinal and theologian, Venice, 1470; Honoré de Balzac, Tours, France, 1799; John Stuart Mill, philosopher and economist, London, 1806; Wladyslaw Sikorski, soldier, Prime Minister of Poland 1922-23, Prime Minister of the Polish Government in exile 1939-43, Tuszów, Narodawy, 1881; Margery Allingham, detective story writer, London, 1904.

DEATHS: Christopher Columbus, explorer, Valladolid, Spain, 1506; Marie Joseph, Marquis de Lafayette, soldier and statesman, Paris, 1834; Mary Lamb, writer, London, 1847; Clara Schumann, pianist and composer, Frankfurt am Main, Germany, 1896; Sir Max Beerbohm, writer and caricaturist, Rapallo, Italy, 1956; Gilbert Murray, scholar, Oxford, 1957; Dame Barbara Hepworth, sculptor, St Ives, Cornwall, 1975.

Queen Victoria laid the foundation stone for the Albert Hall, 1867.

Income tax declared unconstitutional in the United States, 1895.

Pan-American Airways began regular commercial flights between Europe and the US, 1939.

Guy Trebert was the first person to be arrested using an identikit picture, Paris, 1959.

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Can you not see that as long as there is jealousy and strife among you, you are unspiritual, living on the purely human level? 1 Corinthians 3 : 3

BIRTHS

ALEXANDER - On 15th May, to Sarah and Paul, a son, Max Bryan.

BAILEY - Thomas Michael John on 10th May 1997 to Catherine and David. A very brave little brother for George and Lawrence.

BLUMER - On May 8th 17.15 hrs at The Portland Hospital, to Marlen and Tim - a beautiful daughter, Yalina.

CEDAR - On May 9th at The Portland Hospital, to Michelle (née Stone) and Adam, a son, Alexander Michael.

CLARKE - On 17th May, to Sally and Stephen, a son, Thomas Henry Stephen, a brother for Sophie.

COHEN - On April 23rd at The Portland Hospital, to Katie (née Bourne) and Jonathan, twin daughters, Olivia Jane and Georgia Grace.

COOPER - On 16th May 1997, to Georgina (née Hubber) and Simon, a son, Thomas Oliver.

CORNES - On May 15th, to Katherine (née Montgomery) and Andrew, a son, Hugh Charles Montgomery, a brother for Charlotte, Sophie, Alice and Eleanor.

DENNIS - On May 14th at The Portland Hospital, to Sandra (née Chan) and Jono, a beautiful daughter, Harriet Clementine, sister to Rachel, Sophie and Alexander.

DE SALIS - On 17th May, to Felicity (née Stewart) and Nicholas, a daughter, Sophie Rebecca, a sister for Alexandra and Katie.

de VOIL - On 16th May, to Nina (née Hook) and Nick, a daughter, Marie Claire, a sister for Harry and George.

DJANOGLY - On May 15th at The Portland Hospital, to Rebecca (née Silk) and Jonathan, a daughter, Elizabeth Roberta.

EDWARDS - On May 10th at The Portland Hospital, to Deborah (née Bradley) and Jonathan, a son, Michael, a brother for Robert.

EKINRAN - On May 12th at The Portland Hospital, to Elizabeth Arrott and Rafael Alexeevich, a daughter, Elizabeth Rafaelevna, a sister for Alexei.

ESSAYAN - On May 14th at The Portland Hospital, to Tracy and Martin, a son, Jake, a brother for William and Charlie.

EVANS - On 17th May 1997 at The Princess Margaret Hospital, Swindon, to Barbara and Christopher, a son, Jack Stanley. Grateful thanks to all concerned.

FISH - On 12th May, to Anne (née Howard) and David, a son, Charles Edward George. Our sincere thanks to the eminent consultant, Mr D Hyatt, and his attending team.

FRANKE - On 16th May at Queen Charlotte's Hospital to Melanie (née Grandage) and John, a son, a brother for Sarah, Emily and Pippa.

GOZ - On May 13th at The Portland Hospital, to Lena Jarlo and Bradford, a son, Daniel Lennart - Fait Par Des Anges.

HEPWORTH - On May 15th, 1997, in St Germain en Laye, France, to Madeleine (née Conwey) and James, a second son, Joshua Joseph, a brother for William.

HIBBERT - On Monday 19th May 1997 in Hong Kong, to Angela (née Richardson) and Martin, a son, Charles George Julian, a brother for James.

LANGFORD - On 14th May at St James's Hospital, Leeds, to Margaret (née Marsh) and Mark, a son, George Mark, a brother for Alexandra and Harriet.

MACNAB - On 29th April, to Camilla (née Brindley) and Kenneth, a daughter, Catriona Isabel Olivia, a sister for Elinor.

METCALFE - On May 8th at The Portland Hospital, to Noreen and Kevin, a son, Patrick Reid, a playmate for Caitlin.

MULLETT - On May 10th at The Portland Hospital, to Marisa (née Whitbrooke) and Glenn, a beautiful son, Jordan Antony xxx

MURPHY - On May 11th 1997 at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, to Brenda and Michael, a son, Charles Frederick John.

MYHRE - On May 13th 1997 in London, to Susanna (née Hammond) and Kim, a wonderful son, Jake Hammond.

PARAVICINI - On May 15th at The Portland Hospital, to Lucia and Charles, a daughter, Sophie Mary Elizabeth.

PARTOS - On 17th May 1997 in London, to Michelle (née Velleman) and Charles, a daughter, Katya Isabella, a sister for Zoscha.

REDFORD - On May 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Sam (née May) and Johnny, a daughter, Hermione, a sister for Isabella.

RICHARDSON - On 6th May, to Victoria (née Birkett) and Robin, a daughter, Isabel Henrietta and a son, Thomas James McGowan.

RUSHTON - On April 30th at The Royal Berkshire Hospital, to Susan (née Butler) and Jonathan, a son, Benjamin James, a brother for Adam.

SCOTTON - On May 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Janice (née Starrs) and Christopher, a son, Michael Donald.

TAIT - On 15th May, to Francesca (née Sullivan) and Andrew, a daughter, Iona, sister to Constance, Victoria and Alexander.

VAN BESTEREN - On April 30th to Emily (née Wright) and Peter, a son, Frederick Bram.

WOODROFFE - On May 15th in Amsterdam, to Jonathan and Tania, a son.

MARRIAGES

ELWIN:SWAN - At Kedington, Suffolk, on 17th May, George, son of the Rev. and Mrs E.J. Elwin, to Alexandra, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Swan.

SILVER ANNIVERSARIES

MARTIN - Melanie and Chris. Congratulations on your 25th Wedding Anniversary. Lots of love Tina xx

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

DONALDSON:PATERSON - Raymond and June. Congratulations from Karen, Joyce, Jonathan and Sam, friends and family to you both on your Golden Wedding Anniversary. Married May 20th 1947.

FOVARGUE:WEIR - John Geoffrey to Helen Gillespie on May 20th 1947. Congratulations from the Cooksey family.

DEATHS

ANDERSON - Peacefully, on May 18th, Margaret Dampier Anderson, widow of Alan Bruce Anderson. Funeral on May 22nd at 12.15 pm at Trumpington Church, near Cambridge. No flowers, please.

ARTINGSTALL - Jocelyne Mary, formerly Secretary (Lectures) The Royal Institution and a Guide Association County Commissioner, died peacefully after a courageous battle, on 17th May 1997. Dearly loved daughter of the late John and Mary Artingstall, sister of Diana and Charmian and friend of Judith. Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church, Osterley, at 1.30 pm on Friday 23rd May 1997 followed by cremation. Family flowers only but donations for Renal Ward Trust Fund (Churchill Hospital, Oxford) or The Guide Association, Paxmead, may be sent to H.C. Grimstead Ltd, Churchfield Road, Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire, tel: (01753) 891200.

BILLETT - Madeleine MBE 16th May 1997 peacefully in a Heswall nursing home after a long illness bravely borne. Loved by all her family and friends. Service at Landican Crematorium, Wirral, on Friday 23rd May at 12 noon. Enquiries c/o Charles Stephens Funeral Directors, tel: (0151) 645-4396.

BOYAN - Dom John Bernard, monk of Ampleforth: 17th May, peacefully after long illness, fortified by the rites of the Church. Funeral Thursday 22nd May 12 noon at Ampleforth.

BRADY - Dr. Philip Valentine, died peacefully on 15th May 1997 at Charing Cross Hospital after a long illness, borne with great courage. Funeral on Thursday 22nd May 1997, 12.30 at Putney Vale Crematorium. Philips family would like to express their profound gratitude to the Charing Cross and Hammersmith Hospitals for their marvellous care and support. Donations in lieu of flowers to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, W.S. Bond, Chiswick 0181 994 0277.

BYROM - James Craig - Craigie aged 89 on May 15th peacefully at The Lady Forester Community Care Nursing Home. Funeral Cound Church 2.30pm May 27th.

DOUGLAS - On May 17th 1997, Albert Noel at home in Halesworth aged 82 years. Husband of Kath. Private Cremation. Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's Church, Halesworth, on Saturday 24th May at 11.30 am. No flowers please, but donations if desired to B.A.C.U.P. may be sent c/o Woolnoughs Funeral Service, The Chapels, Holton Road, Halesworth, Suffolk.

FAULKNER - Margaret (née de Trafford) peacefully at home on 18th May 1997, aged 68, after a spirited fight against cancer. Devoted and much loved wife of William, beloved mother of Hugh, Mark, Rosalinda and Catharine, and adored grandmother of her ten grandchildren. President of the Wessex and Jersey area of NAFAS, and an Associate of Honour for the area. Private funeral for family only; a Service of Thanksgiving will be held in Portsmouth RC Cathedral at a later date.

FITZGERALD - See Offaly.

FOSTER - On 17th May peacefully in The Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Donald Samuel, Major (Ret'd) aged 74 years of Paignton and Totnes, Devon 12th Frontier Force & Colonial Administrative Service, Bornu and Aden. Beloved husband of the late Dorothy Eleanor (née Fleming), much loved father of Carey and the late Rawdon and father-in-law of Diane. Dear brother of Mollie and the late Will, and grandfather of Max. Dear friend of Barbara Moran. With our love always. Funeral Service at St Mary's Parish Church, Totnes on Wednesday 21st May at 12 noon followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired in aid of The Overseas Service Pensioners Benevolent Fund, 138 High Street, Tonbridge, Kent.

HANSON - (Co. Meath, May 16th 1997). Suddenly Patricia Janet Ann (Trish), widow of Bill Hanson, of Gerrardstown Stud, Dunshaughlin. Funeral service on Friday 23rd May at 11.30 am in St Seachnalls Church, Dunshaughlin, followed by burial in adjoining cemetery.

HARVEY-WALKER - Tragically on 28th April 1997 in Johannesburg, South Africa. Ashley aged 52 years, dearly loved son of John and Peggy of Carhaix Way, Dawlish, Devon. The funeral service will be held at St Mary's Church, Cofton, nr. Dawlish, on Thursday 22nd May at 2.30 pm. Flowers or donations in lieu to Cancer Research c/o B.G. Wills & Son Funeral Directors, 22 Brunswick Place, Dawlish, Devon.

HODGSON - On May 15th tragically in an accident Sophie aged 29, beloved daughter of Gardenia Griffith and the late Robin Hodgson and stepdaughter of Huw Griffith. A much loved sister, niece and friend. Funeral Service at Woodmancote Church, Hampshire on Friday May 23rd at 12.30 pm. Flowers or donations, if desired, for Cancer Research may be sent to JNO. Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester SO23 0HU to whom enquiries should also be addressed on 01962 844044.

HODGSON - Richard Arthur on May 16th aged 93, much loved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, died peacefully at home. Funeral Thursday May 22nd 3.30 pm at South Stoneham Cemetery, Southampton.

HUMMEL - Sidney A., much loved husband of late Peggy and beloved father, grandfather and friend, went peacefully 17th May. Service at Golders Green Crematorium at 12.15 pm on Thursday 22nd May. No flowers. Donations if wished to RNIB or Imperial Cancer Research.

JAMES - Dr Evan Morgan (Jimmy). Peacefully at home on 18th May 1997. Beloved husband of the late Terry, dearly loved father of Susie and dear brother of David. The Funeral Service will take place in Greyfriars Church, Iffley Road on Friday 23rd May at 2.00pm followed by cremation at Oxford Crematorium. Donations if desired to Marie Curie Cancer Care, c/o Reeves & Pain, 288 Abingdon Road, Oxford, OX1 4TE.

KILDARE - See Offaly.

LARWOOD - Gilbert died peacefully on 14th May after a short illness. Beloved husband of Julia, much loved father of Jonathan and Fiona. Grandfather of Ollie. Dearest friend to Pietra and loved by all who knew him. Funeral Ceremony at Durham Crematorium on Friday 23rd May at 1 pm. No flowers, donations to the British Heart Foundation.

LITTLER - Captain J.C., RCN (retired) died peacefully aged 86 in Kamo, New Zealand, after a long illness bravely borne. Survived by his wife 'Ebo' and children.

LOW - Daphne Earland, peacefully on 16th May 1997. Widow of Roger Low, much loved mother of Marcus and Valentine. Funeral at Honor Oak Crematorium, Brenchley Gardens, London SE23, on Thursday 22nd May at 12 noon. Flowers to Ashton Funeral Services, 218 Kennington Park Road, London SE11.

MACKENZIE - On May 17th 1997 peacefully at home after a short illness borne with grace and courage, Ann Mary Mackenzie (née Glover), darling wife of the late Roy, much loved mother of Ian, Carol and Nicky and extra special "Granann" to Katharine, Julia, Harriet, Nicholas, Hamish, Christopher, Callum, Alexander and Richard. She will be remembered with great love and affection by all her extended family and her many friends. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at St Bridget's Church, West Kirby, Wirral, on Friday May 30th at 2.30pm. Donations if desired to RNLI c/o Quinns F/S, West Kirby, L48 4EP, tel: (0151) 625-5274.

MAUD - Florence Elizabeth 'Betty' (née Elliott) Hepscott, Northumberland, on 18th May peacefully in hospital, dearly beloved wife of John and much loved mother of Jane and Michael. Funeral Service at St Mary Magdalene Church, Mitford, on Thursday May 22nd at 2.30pm followed by interment in Mitford Churchyard.

McKERRELL of HILLHOUSE - Winifred Scott née Walkinshaw (Miss Jean Scott, Bada). Widow of the late Captain James McKerrell of Hillhouse 14th Laird of the Name and mother of Charles. On 15th May 1997 at Denville Hall. Funeral Service at Breakspear Crematorium on Thursday 22nd May at 2 pm to which all friends are invited. No flowers, donations to Denville Hall c/o E. Spark Ltd., 104 Pinner Road, Northwood, Middlesex HA6 1BF.

MICHAELSON - Leslie, husband of Isabel, father of Juliet and Helena and stepfather of Rebecca, Lucy and Patrick, died in a tragic road accident on Wednesday 14th May. A service will be held at 1.30pm on Wednesday 21st May at Jacksons Lane Community Centre, Archway Road (opposite Highgate Station) and the burial will be at 3 pm at Highgate Cemetery. No flowers, but donations if desired to Legal Assistance Trust in South Africa. Cheques should be made payable to the Legal Assistance Trust, and sent care of James Barker at Enterprise Chambers, 9 Old Square, London WC2A 3SR.

NORELL - Noory, beloved husband, father, brother and friend, on Thursday 15th May 1997.

OFFALY - Thomas FitzGerald, Earl of Offaly, on May 9th 1997 aged 23 died in a car accident in Ireland. Adored son of Maurice and Fiona, The Marquess and Marchioness of Kildare and much loved brother of Francesca and Pollyanna, dear grandson of the Duke and Duchess of Leinster and Peggy Hollick. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Sutton Courtenay, on Tuesday May 27th at 4 pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to The Oxford Homeless Medical Fund or The Oxfordshire Dyslexia Association c/o P.L. Barrett, 81 Ock Street, Abingdon, Oxon. OX14 5AG. A Memorial Service will be held in Ireland in a few weeks time.

PARRY - Antony Montague, on May 15th 1997 aged 90 years. Past Master of the Armourers and Brasiers Livery Company. Funeral Service to be held at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Crawley, West Sussex, at 12 noon on Wednesday May 28th. Family flowers only, donations to Oxted Red Cross c/o Ebbutt Funeral Services, High Street, Limpsfield, Surrey RH8 0DR.

PHELAN - James P. (Jim), former Director of Music at Our Lady of Victories, Kensington, died suddenly on 15th May 1997. Requiem Mass on Friday 23rd May at 10 am at St Gregory's R.C. Church, Garratt Lane, London SW18 followed by committal at Streatham Park Cemetery. Family flowers only please, donations to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

PROCTOR - Minnie (née Scott) aged 86 passed away peacefully on 10th May. "At rest after a life of toil". Cremation Ruislip Crematorium 20th May 1997 at 12.15 pm.

ROUS - Major The Hon Peter James Mowbray aged 83 on 17th May 1997 peacefully at Broadhatch. Dearly beloved father of Tella Michael Nina Si Lizzie Hasty Eddie Joe Chrissy Kate, grandfather of 28 and great-grandfather of Lillie. Funeral at St Mary's Catholic Church, Normandy Street Alton at 11.30 am on 27th May. Flowers to Kemp & Stevens: 01420 83177.

STUART-PRINCE - Rosa May (also known as Laurie) died quietly on May 13th aged 85. She was the second wife of the late Dudley. Funeral at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, Buckinghamshire at 11 am on May 23rd. Family flowers only.

THOMSON - Dr. John Kenneth, May 18th 1997 aged 84 years. Funeral Service at St Michael's Church, Abergele, on Tuesday May 27th at 12 noon. No flowers please but if desired donations kindly accepted towards St Michael's Church. All enquiries E. Emrys Morris & Son, 14 Dundonald Avenue, Abergele, tel: (01745) 826232.

THOMSON - Jo, died peacefully from a brain tumour, on 15th May in Seville. Memorial Service on 3rd June at 2.30 pm, St Columba's Church, Pont Street, London. No letters or flowers please, but donations to Atkinson Morley's Hospital, London, SW20 0NE c/o Mr H. Marsh.

WALSH - Martin, dearly loved husband of Elizabeth and father of James, Dominic and Anna, died suddenly at home on 15th May 1997 aged 50. The Requiem Mass is at Our Lady's Church, 30 Amersham Road, Chesham Bois, Amersham, Bucks. at 2.30 pm on Friday 23rd May. In lieu of flowers donations preferred to Our Lady's Church or Our Lady's School at the above address.

WHITESIDE - William Noel (Dr.) on May 19th peacefully at home, dearly beloved husband of Emmaline and father of David, Patricia, Howard and Bernard. Funeral Service, Friday 23rd May, 2.30 pm St Nicholas Church, Chislehurst. Donations to The Order of St John c/o Francis Chappell, 231 High Street, Bromley, Kent BR1 1NZ.

WILSON - On May 18th 1997 aged 68, peacefully after a short illness at Bishop's Wood Hospital, Mount Vernon, Dr. Christopher Maynard Wilson, former managing director of ICI. Dearest husband of Elizabeth and much loved father of Vickie, Cathy and Miles, sons-in-law Phil and Mike, grandad of Guy, Adam, Hazel and James. Service of thanksgiving at St Michaels and All Angels, Sunninghill, Berks at 11.15 am on Friday 23rd May, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but donations if desired to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, c/o Lines Bannister F/D, tel: (01344) 20264.

WOODROFFE - On May 18th 1997, peacefully at Longlands Nursing Home, Winifred Anne, in her 90th year. Loved wife of the late Geoffrey Broome Witts Woodroffe of Lower Kingswood. Loving mother of Susan Lloyd and Jane Otway, grandmother of Stephen, Andrew and John, great grandmother of Jocelyn and Julian. Funeral at the Church of the Wisdom of God, Lower Kingswood on Friday, May 23rd at 12 noon. No flowers, by her wish donations to The Royal National Institute for the Deaf, 19-23 Featherstone Street, EC1Y 8SL.

WRIGHT - Georgina Barbara aged 94 on May 17th 1997 in Newbury. Widow of the late Gerald Spyvee Wright. Cremation at 11 am on May 27th at Oxford Crematorium. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Help the Aged c/o Camp Hobson 01635 522210.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

KING - Marthe (Manette). The interment of her ashes at The Memorial Gardens, Church Lane, Stoke Poges (tel: 01753 523744) on Tuesday May 27th at 12 noon, afterwards The Red Lion, Stoke Green.

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OBITUARIES

MAJOR-GENERAL KEN SHEPHEARD

Major-General Ken Shepheard, CB, DSO and Bar, OBE, Chief Engineer Northern Army Group and BAOR, 1962-64, died on May 11 aged 88. He was born on November 15, 1908.

The two DSOs that Ken Shepheard won represented peaks in the range of his varied and outstanding military career. Both reflected different facets of his abilities and character: the first as a brilliant battle-hardened staff officer in the Western Desert, and the second as a determined and courageous commander of armoured assault engineers in North-West Europe.

The citation for his first DSO was signed personally by Field Marshal Montgomery, because it was unusual to award a DSO to a staff officer. Shepheard had joined General Gertie Tuker's famous 4th Indian Division during the retreat from Gazala to El Alamein in July 1942 as the division's GSO1. He stayed with Tuker throughout the early and final battles of El Alamein; in the pursuit to Tripoli; in the hard fought battles of Mareth and Wadi Akarit; and in the final breakthrough to Tunis, which was carried out by the 4th Indian and 4th British Divisions attacking astride the main road into the city on May 6, 1943.

Part of Montgomery's citation, written before the fall of Tunis, reads: "Lt-Colonel Shepheard has been GSO1 4 Ind Div during the operations at Alamein, Mareth and Akarit. It has been his part to coordinate all planning, and, above all, to organise the battlefield. Both the two latter battles were characterised by the difficulty of the operations to be staged, both in mountain country and without any special equipment . . . His ability, tireless energy and patience have been an inspiration."

Shepheard stayed with Tuker throughout the early fighting in Italy until 4th Indian Division was withdrawn after the failure of the Second Battle of Cassino in February 1944. He was posted back to England as a battle-experienced officer to help in preparation for Overlord.

He did not land on D-Day, but was summoned soon afterwards to take command of 6th Armoured Assault Regiment RE in the beachhead, and to lead them across Europe to the Baltic. One of the actions he fought on the way was the storming of the Boulogne defences in September 1944. He personally led the principal armoured breaching column. His tank was hit and he was wounded in the head. Despite loss of blood, he refused to be evacuated and continued controlling his column until complete success was achieved some five hours later.

He was fit enough to return to command his regiment in the dour winter fighting during Operation "Veritable" in the Rhineland. He then took part in the crossing of the Rhine in March 1945, and led his regiment to Hamburg and on to the Baltic coast. The Bar to his DSO was awarded for his leadership of the regiment throughout the Northwest European campaign.

Joseph Kenneth Shepheard was educated at Monmouth School, the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, and Christ's College, Cambridge. He was commissioned into the Royal Engineers in 1928. By 1933 he had volunteered and been accepted for a five-year tour with the Bengal Sappers and Miners, known in the Indian Army as "God's Own".

One of his first experiences in India, as a very junior officer, was being detailed to organise the *bandobast* for the Commandant's *shikar* to hunt tiger. It took several days to deploy the elephants, bullock-carts and tents before the *burrah sahibs* could be mounted on their elephants. Shepheard, being too junior to join the VIP party, watched from a nearby vantage point. Suddenly a female tiger broke cover near him. He bagged his first trophy.

After taking part in two Waziristan campaigns on the North-West Frontier, he became one of the small select band of Europeans to visit Tibet in the 1930s. Trekking with another Sapper officer, Archie Jack, he covered more than 600 miles from India, crossing passes over 17,000 feet high to reach the capital, Lhasa, where they were allowed to stay for three weeks. Some of the artefacts which they brought back, are now in the Victoria and Albert Museum.

His Sapper and Miner tour ended in 1938, when he was appointed Adjutant of the 4th Divisional Engineers with whom he went to France in 1939. He was posted back to the Staff College, Camberley, in May 1940 and so missed Dunkirk. He emerged to become Brigade Major in succession to two different infantry brigades in the Western Desert and Iraq before joining 4th India Division, where he was to begin making his name.

After the war, the scene changed as the Army swung to combating Communist-inspired rebellions and terrorism. In 1948, he was appointed GSO1 (Operations) in Singapore at the start of the Malayan emergency. Two years later he was sent northwards to Kuala Lumpur to join the newly constituted staff of General Sir Harold Briggs, the first Director of Operations in Malaya. He became Briggs's Colonel, General Staff, leading a unique joint staff of military, police and civilian administrators, who produced the famous Briggs plan that eventually broke the back of the Chinese Communist rebellion. He was appointed OBE in 1949.

The scene changed again with the outbreak of the Korean War. Allied Intelligence suspected that Soviet sabre rattling in the Far East was designed to draw Western forces eastwards and away from an intended Russian assault on Europe. In the crash rearmament programme, armoured divisions were reraised to strengthen BAOR. In 1951, Shepheard was appointed Commander Royal Engineers of the newly raised 6th Armoured Division, which was deployed in the Minden Gap on the Weser in Germany.

In 1953, however, the War Office asked him to take over command of the Commonwealth Engineer Regiment in Korea for which he was eminently suitable and which might have led to a third DSO. He had to refuse for his family's sake: he had been overseas almost continuously since 1933.

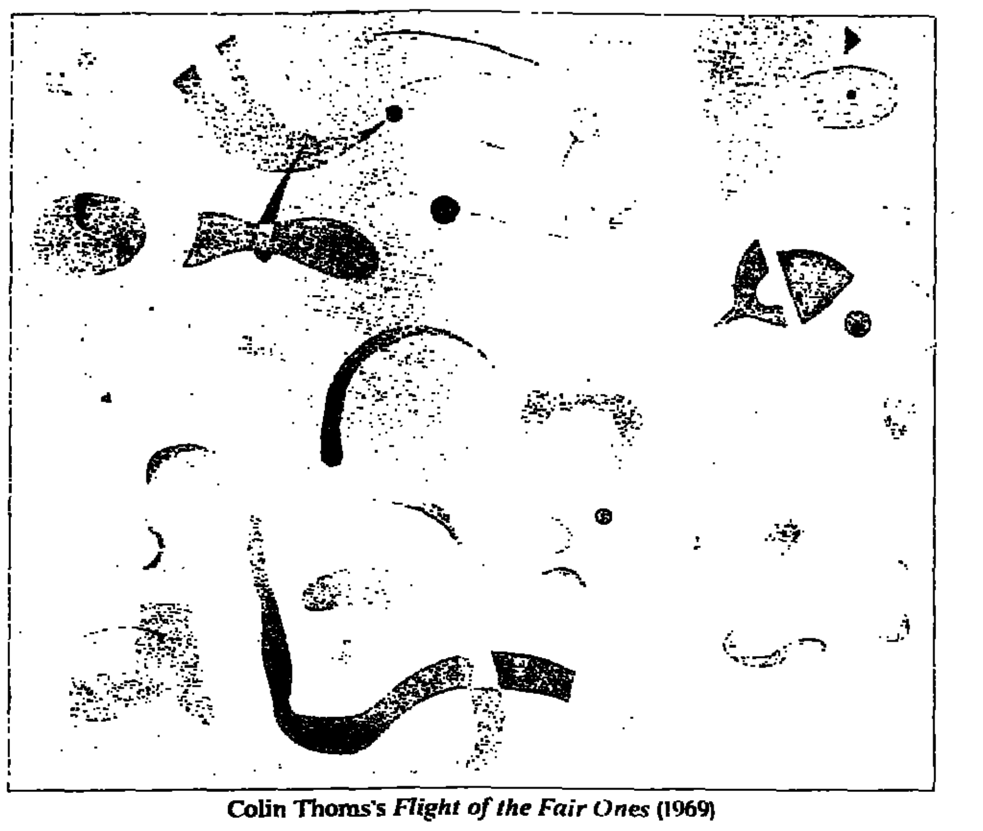
He lost nothing by refusing. Promoted brigadier that year, he joined the Defence Research Policy Staff in Whitehall as its military member for three years. Its primary task lay in the field of nuclear weapons, and during his time on the staff he attended the American nuclear tests in the Nevada desert. After a year's sabbatical at the Imperial Defence College, he was appointed Chief Engineer of 1st (British) Corps in Germany.

His last two appointments in the Army were as a major-general. In 1960, he became Chief of Staff, Northern Command at York and was appointed CB. In 1962 he returned to Germany as Chief Engineer, Northern Army Group and BAOR. He retired in 1965.

A year later, he became general secretary of the Officers' Association, a post which he held until 1974, helping officers to find civilian jobs. In a long period of failing health, he continued his great interest in the promotion of international understanding among young people through the Council for Education in World Citizenship.

In 1939, he married Maureen Bowen-Colthurst. She and their three daughters survive him.

COLIN THOMS



Colin Thoms's *Flight of the Fair Ones* (1969)

Colin Thoms, artist, died on April 20 aged 84. He was born on August 2, 1912.

AN ABSTRACT painter, Colin Thoms worked with a bright, confident, sometimes even strident, palette which took its inspiration partially from the blend of subtle and garish hues which he saw in the tweeds of his native Scotland. More obviously, however, his work was influenced by Joan Miró and Paul Klee.

However, unlike many artists for whom teaching is a means to another end, Thoms was also a dedicated teacher. He devoted much of his energy to his students at Loretto School in Musselburgh and then at Gray's School of Art in Aberdeen where he remained for 25 years.

Inevitably his opportunities to paint were hampered by the demands of this work and it was only in relatively late age that he began to paint prolifically and exhibit more widely.

Born in Edinburgh, the second son of a lawyer, Colin Thoms was educated at the Edinburgh Academy and Edinburgh College of Art where he studied life painting under S. J. Peploe, the Scottish Colourist. He was to remain resolutely Scottish in his outlook on life, and though his wife tried to coax him to go to London — to make his work better known — he always refused. London was too distracting, he maintained, and during the one term he spent as a student at the Slade, he saw enough never to want to go back. He did however win a travelling scholarship and stayed in several European cities — including Paris, Florence, Rome, Padua and Venice — studying art.

His work was first exhibited at the Royal Scottish Academy in 1928 and from then on he continued to exhibit there regularly. He was elected president of the Society of Scottish Artists in 1949.

In 1937 Thoms, at this time still a representational painter, accepted a part-time teaching post at Loretto School, Musselburgh. He remained there as a teacher until the outbreak of the Second World War when he was called up. He served first with the Royal Artillery until, severely wounded during an air raid, he was transferred to the Education Corps, serving in Edinburgh, Orkney, Egypt and Palestine. His time in the Middle East was to be of particular influence on his art and gave him, he thought, a special understanding of and admiration for Klee's North African work.

After the war Thoms returned to Loretto for four years. But in 1951 he married Anne Whyte, a film critic, and with her moved to Aberdeen where he took a job at Gray's School of Art. He remained there until 1976. During this time he also became involved in saving the historic buildings of Aberdeen from development and he was a founder member and chairman of the Aberdeen Civic Society.

It was a visit to the Miro retrospective at the Tate in 1963 which completely changed Thoms' artistic direction. He himself compared it to a Pauline conversion and he cast aside representational concerns to become an abstract artist. His first ever one-man show, at the Scottish Gallery in 1966, when Thoms was 54, was described by one critic as "the dream world of reborn Thoms". This led to numerous other exhibitions in galleries all over Britain, and his work is represented in a range of collections from the Scottish Arts Council to the Robert Fleming Collection of Scottish Art.

Thoms began to work prolifically — and never more so than after his retirement from teaching — in his studio in a converted cow-byre. He returned to live in Edinburgh and spent several days each week at the Printmakers' Workshop there.

He is survived by his wife, and by their son and two daughters.

HIS HON GORDON FRIEND

His Hon Gordon Friend, Circuit Judge, 1972-84, died on April 25 aged 84. He was born on July 6, 1912.

GORDON FRIEND, who sat as a circuit judge in London until the mid-1980s, was one of the better known members of the lesser judiciary. For his slightly regimental courtroom manner, and a tendency towards pomposity, he occasionally found himself lampooned in *Private Eye*. Not that that unduly bothered him. On one occasion he was delighted to discover, on a visit to the cells beneath the court, the following inscription: "Beware Judge Fiend." Not surprisingly, police officers greatly respected him.

Friend served at Knightsbridge Crown Court for ten years before retiring in 1984. The cases that came before him comprised a wide range of serious crime, and he sometimes expressed mild bafflement over a system which did not allow him, as a mere circuit judge, to hand down the harshest sentences.

Friend strongly favoured the courtroom use of wigs, pointing out that such headgear served as a type of disguise. He sometimes claimed to have sat beside an accused appearing before him on the London Underground without being recognised.

The son of the owner of a retail business in Lewisham, Archibald Gordon Friend was educated at Dulwich College, where he was a keen sportsman. He started studying for the Bar during a gap year before going up to Keble College, Oxford to read law. Having spent three years eating dinners — virtually all that was required by way of professional training in those days — he was called by the Inner Temple at the relatively young age of 21.

At the Bar, his practice concentrated on criminal and matrimonial cases. But the lean years of the 1930s were not greatly rewarding. Recognising the possibility of war, and hoping to join the Royal Air Force, he learnt to fly planes. When the time came, however, he was turned down by the RAF as being too old (at 28). Although disappointed, he later recognised that this age discrimination probably saved his life.

At the beginning of 1940, he enlisted in the Royal Artillery, and was commissioned within nine months. Snobbery was not one of Friend's vices: he enjoyed being thrown together, during the war, with men of many different backgrounds and inclinations (at one stage he shared a room with Neville Heath, who was later to be executed in 1946 for the "brides in the bath" murders). As a keen follower of the Craft, Friend used to like to boast that the Great City Lodge, where he achieved considerable eminence as a Freemason, was "for all ranks" — though by the end of the war he himself had become a major.

After leaving the Army in 1945, he returned to the Bar. One of his near-contemporaries at 4 Paper Buildings was Quintin Hogg, who went on to run the set before in 1970, as Lord Hailsham, becoming Lord Chancellor. Hogg's predecessor as head of chambers had been the even more formidable Lord Diplock (who gave his name to the Diplock Courts of Northern Ireland). Junior barristers, somewhat neglected by these elevated figures, found in Friend a man who lived up to his name.

At the Bar he enjoyed some success. In 1962, he earned enough money from one case to pay for his house in Holland Park. The 28-day *Gibbins v Gibbins*, the longest contested divorce in English legal history, was recorded for many years in the *Guinness Book of Records*. But he was disappointed by the failure of his applications for silk.

In 1962, Friend was appointed deputy chairman of the Hertfordshire Quarter Sessions, and two years later he won the same appointment at the Inner London Quarter Sessions (later known as Middlesex). He fulfilled both duties concurrently until 1971.

Shortly after Friend retired, his wife Pat contracted Alzheimer's disease. By the time she died in 1993, she no longer recognised him. He himself suffered a stroke in the street in 1994, when Tony Benn (a near neighbour) helped him home. After that mishap, Friend finally left his beloved house in Ladbroke Grove and went to a retirement home in Wiltshire to be near his nephew.

He and his wife had no children.

ON THIS DAY

May 20, 1924

Ernst Toller (1893-1939), was a prominent literary figure in the German revolutionary movement. His experiences in the First World War turned him into a anti-militarist and a revolutionary and he spent some time in prison. After the Nazis came to power he settled in England. He committed suicide in 1939 while visiting America.

STAGE SOCIETY.

"MAN AND THE MASSES."

BY ERNST TOLLER.

Translated from the German by LOUIS UNTERMEYER.

Miss Sybil Thorndike has been enjoying something very like a 'busman's holiday. After playing a *quattrocento* saint all the week, she has devoted the week-end to playing a saint of to-day. This is the heroine of Ernst Toller's *Man and the Masses*, which is described as "a fragment of the social revolution" and might also have borne the label "Made in Germany."

Though the play no doubt has a live political interest in its native land (where it is pretty generally prohibited), we can afford over here to contemplate it merely as an aesthetic fact. It is a work of so-called Expressionist art, presenting personified ideas rather than people, and symbolic attitudes rather than dramatic actions. Some of the most striking attitudes are assumed by crowds. They lie on their backs and wave bare arms in the air. Or they squat in platoons and shout in unison. Or they huddle in terror of the soldiery. Or in single file they perlustrate the stage, as dream-shadows, saying the same thing one after another. Indeed, "when they do agree" (and they always do) "their unanimity is wonderful". You think of the toy soldiers in the Russian cabaret performances. But the monotony of repetition and of mechanically concerted gesture is relieved by an occasional dance. There is a dance of harlots with prisoners condemned to death, and another of bankers which is disappointing.

Why should not the whole thing be arranged as a ballet? For all these Expressionist plays, discarding realism as they do and revelling in abstractions, might find a beauty, which they at present lack, in choreographic expression. The abstractions played by Miss Thorndike and Mr. George Hayes would then become the Good and the Bad Fairy, and the *corps de ballet* and the toy soldiers would only have to fit their feet a little more closely to the startling rhythms already provided in the music of Mr. J.H. Foulds.

There would certainly be nothing in the present play inexpressible by such means. The main idea is simplicity itself: a contest for mob-leadership between Left (Miss Thorndike), all for peaceful persuasion, and Extreme Left (Mr. Hayes), out for blood and revolution, with the inevitable victory for the extreme party until the Right comes along with its machine-guns and annihilates both. The woman, who has "left all and followed" ideal justice, is, of course, the victim. Her own comrades were about to fall upon her as a "traitor" when the soldiers snatched her from their hands. They offered her terms, but her conscience forbade and she preferred to die.

Need we say that Miss Thorndike gave a beautiful picture of the modern saint? It was beyond even her art to pretend that the figure was other than an abstraction. Mr. Milton Rosmer was her husband, and seemed to feel his position acutely. It is notoriously a difficult job to be husband to a saint. The revolutionary firebrand was played with immense gusto and almost Glaswegian fierceness by Mr. Hayes.

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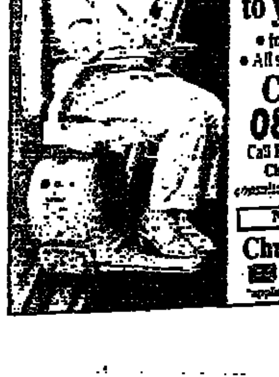

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THE TIMES The Good University Guide

Education Editor **John O'Leary** introduces our guide to the best colleges for teaching and research, subject by subject

Never mind the age, feel the quality

Knowing where a university stands in the pecking order of higher education is a vital piece of information for any prospective student, but the quality of the course is what matters most. The most modest institution may have a centre of specialist excellence and even famous universities have mediocre departments.

These pages and two more tomorrow focus on the leading universities in the subjects assessed by the higher education funding councils. In the past year, expert assessors have produced official ratings for research in every subject, but the judgments on teaching are still not complete. The tables in this guide cover all the areas in which teaching has been assessed in England. Not all have been completed in Scotland and Wales, but all-UK tables have been compiled wherever possible.

The assessments, particularly for research, have become increasingly controversial because some universities have reacted to disappointing results by seeking redundancies among their academic staff. Nottingham University is using research performance as a guide to shedding 50 posts, Exeter is proposing to cut 60 jobs and several other universities are developing similar plans.

At its conference last week, the Association of University Teachers threatened action against universities which used the ratings as a basis for dismissals and condemned the research exercise as bureaucratic and lacking in intellectual rigour. But the two sets of assessment give the official verdict on quality in British higher education and are the yardstick by which departments will be judged.

Our rankings have changed to take account of the latest assessments. The individual subject tables combine the ratings for teaching and research, giving each equal weight. Differences in the gradings used by the Scottish and Welsh funding councils have been accommodated by calculating an equivalent on the English scale.

The tables confirm the dominance of the traditional universities in most areas of higher education. This is to be expected in research, where decades of differential funding have left the former polytechnics struggling to compete. With some notable exceptions, the traditional universities have established a stranglehold on the top grades.

Less predictably, however, the ratings for teaching usually tell the same story. This is partly because the academics who inspect departments take into account facilities such as library stock, while the traditional universities' generally smaller teaching groups also give them an advantage. The new universities may come into their own as more applied subjects are included, but few of their departments feature at the top of the tables on these pages.

Thames Valley University is the exception which proves the rule, matching Cambridge for top spot in linguistics. TVU collected maximum ratings for both teaching and research, overtaking universities with higher entrance requirements.

Overall, however, Cambridge is again by far the most successful university, with eight top placings and bettered in only five of the subjects in which it offers undergraduate courses. University College London has the next highest number of top finishes, with Oxford, Sheffield, East Anglia, the London School of Economics and King's College London also leaders in more than one subject.

The subject rankings demonstrate that there are horses for courses in higher education. The LSE is more than a match for its rivals in the social sciences, for example, while Imperial College, London confirms its reputation as an international force in engineering. In their own fields, table-toppers such as Essex in sociology and East Anglia in environmental sciences are equally well-known.

Rankings for architecture, French, geography and social policy vary slightly from those published in the book of *The Times Good University Guide*, which is published by HarperCollins. The changes correct errors discovered since the book went to press.

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Meeting the challenge: students on the campus at the University of Sheffield, which features in the top 20 in most subjects and tops the league in architecture, Russian and mechanical engineering

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ANTHROPOLOGY

LAST December's research rankings confirmed Cambridge's domination of anthropology. The university boasted the only department with the coveted five-star grade, denoting international excellence.

Four universities have overtaken Oxford since last year. Brunel, Manchester, University College London and the *London School of Economics* were awarded five stars for research, to Oxford's four.

Anthropology is one of the smallest subjects to have been fully assessed in England and Northern Ireland. There are, as yet, no ratings for teaching in Scotland or Wales, although Cardiff and Swansea have been graded as satisfactory for joint sociology and anthropology degrees.

All but three of the 14 departments in England and Northern Ireland were considered excellent for teaching. *Queen's University, Belfast,* Thames Valley University and Goldsmiths College, London, were rated satisfactory.

Brunel University registered the biggest rise in this year's table — from tenth to second — after improving its research rating. The subject is taught in three joint degrees, with psychology, sociology and communications. Assessors who judged the teaching excellent found the courses "intellectually demanding and stimulating", the students coming from an "impressive range of backgrounds".

The subject is taught mainly in traditional universities, but Oxford Brookes matched Kent and Sussex for ninth place after improving its research rating.

1	*Cambridge*
2=	Brunel, LSE, UCL, Manchester
6=	Durham, Oxford
8=	SOAS
9=	Kent, Sussex, *Oxford Brookes*
12	Goldsmiths'

(Total Institutions: 12)

ARCHITECTURE

CAMBRIDGE retains its position at the top of the table but is joined this year by the strong departments at *Sheffield* and University College London.

The quality of teaching on architecture courses has been found to be universally good by funding council assessors.

Institutions were said to be coping well with the changing *nature* of the discipline. The English funding council commented: "Architecture courses have a strong professional focus and students are able to enjoy a lively and often varied educational experience."

Most institutions were said to have exemplary arrangements for practical training with rigorously monitored placements in offices.

Teaching quality was assessed in 1994 and gradings of excellent awarded to Bath, Cambridge, East London, Glasgow School of Art, Greenwich, UCL, Newcastle, Nottingham, Sheffield, Strathclyde and York. In the latest Research Assessment Exercise, three institutions received the 5* rating reserved for departments showing international excellence in a majority of areas: Cambridge and Sussex Universities and the Courtauld Institute of Art. The 5-rated departments were at Essex, Leeds, SOAS, UCL and the Open University.

1=	Cambridge, UCL, Sheffield
4	Cardiff
5=	Newcastle, Nottingham, York
8	Bath
9	Strathclyde
10	Greenwich
11	East London
12	Liverpool
13	Oxford Brookes
14	Robert Gordon
15	Queen's (Belfast)
16=	Brighton, Liverpool JMU, Portsmouth, Kingston, Manchester

(Total Institutions: 29)

BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT

THE award of the highest possible grading for research has enabled the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology to claim top spot in this year's table.

The only other university to *earn a 5* rating with UMIST* was Lancaster, helping it to hold fourth place.

Warwick and the London School of Economics, joint top last year, share second place after receiving ratings of 5 for their research.

Some of the well-known business schools are omitted from the list because they do not provide undergraduate teaching. The London Business School was the only other institution among 96 surveyed in the latest Research Assessment Exercise to gain a 5* grade along with UMIST and Lancaster.

Bath owes its climb from ninth to fifth place on a 5-rating for research, indicating international excellence in some areas and national excellence in most others. The same grading was given to the departments at Cardiff, Southampton, Strathclyde and Warwick.

The English funding council reported that business and management studies were "thriving" in higher education institutions, against a background of significant increases in student numbers and at a time of pressure on resources. Students can select from a range of courses.

Features judged to have excellent teaching included the provision of practical experience, strong pastoral support and high completion and employment rates of students.

1	UMIST
2=	LSE, Warwick
4	Lancaster
5	Bath
6=	City, Manchester, Nottingham
9	Strathclyde
10	Loughborough
11=	Edinburgh, Imperial
13=	Cranfield, St Andrews
15	De Montfort
16	Surrey
17	Kingston
18=	Bradford, Cambridge, Keele

(Total Institutions: 80)

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

IMPERIAL College, London, is rewarded for earning the highest rating of any British institution for research excellence, with top position in the table for chemical engineering.

Cambridge, in second place, actually received a slightly better score than Imperial from the funding council for the quality of its undergraduate teaching. But Cambridge's 5-grade for research was topped by Imperial's 5*.

Bath, Birmingham, UMIST and University College London also recorded grades of 5 for research, while Loughborough and UMIST matched Imperial's teaching score.

The overall quality of chemical engineering courses was found to be high by the English funding council when it assessed undergraduate teaching.

The accreditation of courses by the Institute of Chemical Engineers was considered important for preserving standards, although its demands limited the flexibility of undergraduate programmes.

Plaudits for using industrialists to give specialist lectures and tutorials, especially in the final year, were given.

The award of first and upper-second class honours varied among institutions from 18 per cent to 70 per cent. Assessors found that, overall, chemical engineering leads to "good propects for employment in industry, commerce and academe" for its graduates.

1	Imperial
2	Cambridge
3	UMIST
4	Bath
5	Loughborough
6	UCL
7	Queen's (Belfast)
8	Birmingham
9	Newcastle
10	Bradford
11	Nottingham
12	Surrey
13	Leeds
14	Aston
15	South Bank
16	Teesside

(Total Institutions: 16)

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CHEMISTRY

OXFORD and Cambridge retain their place in joint pole position for chemistry after gaining the only two superlative 5* grades for the quality of their research. Both universities, which have the largest chemistry research departments in the country at 72 and 55 staff respectively, also recorded gradings of excellent for their undergraduate teaching.

The marginally lower score awarded to Nottingham for not entering all its chemistry staff in the Research Assessment Exercise sees it slip into tenth place from third in this year's very competitive table. It is replaced in third spot by four institutions with excellent teaching records which also gained a 5-rating for research after entering 95 per cent or more of departmental staff for assessment.

Three former polytechnics were awarded a grading of excellent for their undergraduate chemistry teaching by the funding councils: Glasgow Caledonian, Nottingham Trent and Robert Gordon Universities.

The institutions judged excellent were characterised by a sensible range of course material which allowed the students to study in real depth.

1=	Cambridge, Oxford
3=	Bristol, Edinburgh, Leeds, Imperial
7=	Hull, Leicester, St Andrews
10=	Southampton, Durham, Nottingham
13=	Cardiff, Manchester, Strathclyde
16=	Glasgow
17=	Bangor
18=	Heriot-Watt
19=	Bath, UCL, Reading, Sheffield, York

(Total Institutions: 66)

COMPUTING

THE computer science department at Cambridge is joined at the top by two others which matched its 5* performance in the Research Assessment Exercise: Warwick and York.

Oxford, equal top last year, drops to equal fifth because, although it gained a 5* for research, it did not enter as many departmental staff to be assessed as those above it in the table.

Other 5* scores, signifying research of international excellence in most areas, were given to Glasgow and Imperial, while grade 5 was earned by Bath, Bristol, Dundee, Edinburgh, Lancaster, Manchester, Newcastle, Southampton, Sussex and UCL.

Just eight out of more than 100 computer science departments have been judged as excellent for their undergraduate teaching. Along with the three in top place, these were *Edinburgh, Glasgow*, Imperial College, Manchester and Oxford.

This was the lowest proportion of *any subject* assessed by the English funding council at the time. It said it was not impressed by the out-of-date equipment it found in many departments. Top research ratings were closely linked to teaching excellence, showing the importance of these ratings in attracting resources. The funding council also warned of the small but significant number of student recruits who could not cope with the demands of a university computing course.

1=	Cambridge, Warwick, York
4	Edinburgh
5=	Glasgow, Imperial, Oxford
8=	Exeter, Swansea
10=	Manchester, Southampton
12	Kent
13=	Bath, Heriot-Watt, Dundee, Lancaster, St Andrews, Bristol
19=	Aberystwyth, Cardiff

(Total Institutions: 83)

ENGLISH

BOTH Oxford and University College London scored maximum points for English, having entered all their academics in last year's Research Assessment Exercise. Cambridge, which was the other university with a 5* research department, held some staff out.

English is one of the most competitive subjects, in terms of academic ratings as well as entrance requirements for undergraduates. Only six universities out of 58 — Birmingham, Leeds, Sussex, York, Cardiff and Queen Mary and Westfield College, London — reached the next rung of the research ladder.

Teaching was judged more generously by the funding councils' assessors. In England, more than a third of the departments were rated as excellent. Two in Wales received a similar accolade. Ratings for Scottish universities are yet to be published, but the absence of departments *north of the border from the* top two research categories means that the head of our table will remain unchanged.

English has also seen some of the few unsatisfactory ratings for teaching. Overall in England, funding council assessors found diversity of approach and called for better use of information technology. The best departments attracted enthusiastic students and promoted skills that would be useful in employment.

1=	UCL, Oxford
3	Leeds
4	Cambridge
5=	Leicester, Warwick, Nottingham, Southampton
9=	Birmingham, Sussex, Queen Mary, Sussex, York
13=	Bristol, Durham, Lancaster, Liverpool, Sheffield, Sheffield Hallam
19=	Newcastle, Queen's (Belfast)

(Total Institutions: 58)

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

READING and the University of East Anglia top our ranking for environmental sciences as the only departments with a 5* rating for research. They were already among 16 universities rated excellent for teaching.

The area, which includes meteorology, oceanography and ecology, is one in which the new universities are well represented.

Plymouth, with a well-established reputation in oceanography, is the leading example, in fifth place, but Hertfordshire, Greenwich and Manchester Metropolitan all appear in the top ten.

The new universities' emphasis on teaching was reflected in the scarcity of top research grades in the latest assessment. Only third-placed Lancaster achieved a grade five, with Edinburgh, Imperial College, *London*, and the University College of North Wales, at Bangor, the only grade fours.

Reading, which moved up from last year's second place, was praised by assessors for the quality of its staff, modern curriculum and good library facilities. The report on its teaching noted the advantages of favourable staffing levels, which many of the new universities do not enjoy.

When the review of teaching took place in England, all 13 traditional university departments claimed to be excellent, compared with only 15 of the 67 former polytechnics and colleges. Six of each were successful.

1=	East Anglia, Reading
3	Lancaster
4	Southampton
5	Plymouth
6	Ulster
7=	Hertfordshire, Stirling
9	Greenwich
10=	Bradford, Manchester Metro
12=	Dundee, Kent
14	Staffordshire
15=	Bournemouth, Luton, Middlesex, Sunderland
19	Anglia
20=	Derby, Liverpool JMU, Wolverhampton

(Total Institutions: 27)

If I don't get a degree, I'll sue

Are universities legally bound to provide what they promised, asks

Hugh Thompson

Didn't get the degree you wanted? Course was not what you expected? Didn't think much of the teaching? Didn't get the job you expected? Didn't get the standard of accommodation you were promised? Felt the whole university experience was a waste of time? Was your course and campus oversold? Well, why not sue?

After all, on legal aid you have little to lose and why shouldn't universities, like the health and social services, holiday companies, retailers and banks, have a legal duty to provide what they promise?

According to some reports there are hundreds of student-versus-university cases going through the system. Students claiming damages for getting an inferior grant, loss of earnings, poor facilities, becoming depressed, lack of job placements, the difference between what is being offered and what was provided — especially relevant with modular courses. That's on top of the almost ritual cases of students suing for poor grades.

In the eight years that Professor Roderick Floud has been provost of London Guildhall University the typical numbers of threatened or actual legal actions have risen from one or two a year to around a dozen. The vast majority concern students threatening action over bad examination results. However, none of these cases ran its course and only three were settled out of court, the most significant when a student claimed she had been verbally abused by a lecturer.

Professor Floud says Guildhall's experience is close to the norm for new universities, which do not have the older universities' appeals procedures. "We are having to divert considerable *management and* financial resources to resist these claims. Not only are these cases very time-consuming but we have to take expensive legal advice to make sure our defence is sound."

Lawyers specialising in this area say they are surprised that it has *taken this long for this situation to* develop. If a lawyer, surveyor, architect or doctor is negligent, they expect to pay compensation. So it should be with teachers.

"At the moment the situation for the universities is manageable, but unless they are more careful it could *get out of control, as it has in other* areas of professional life," says Stephen Hocking, a partner with London law firm Beachcroft Stanleys. "It's all part of the trend of consumers in all walks of life demanding their rights."

Mr Hocking adds: "It's strange *with so many more students, many* older and more focused on specific careers, that it has not happened before. It isn't necessary for universities to go overboard. They should just realise that the environment has changed and they should reduce their exposure to legal risks."

One way suggested by the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals is for students, before they start a course, to sign a contract which requires all disputes to go to arbitration (as in many areas of commerce) rather than go to expensive law. This idea was put forward by Professor Clive Booth, Pro-Chancellor of Oxford Brookes University, who says: "It is healthy that students are exercising their rights. Complaints have a positive influence on quality."

However, Professor Booth adds: "Especially with those trying to influence their degree results, there is an element of trying it on. We have too many threatening legal action in *an unprincipled way as* a means of trying to raise their degree grades." The Nolan Committee has suggested binding arbitration to weed out the frivolous cases, thereby saving unnecessary legal costs."

Lawyers quote four and five-fold increases in student cases in the past year. Students seek redress for tutors who have missed tutorials, failed to mark work, or, in one case, refused to talk to his PhD student.

Where modules are offered but staff leave and the university cannot provide a replacement, students are on firm legal ground. One lawyer quotes a student who, on a computing and Spanish degree, found after two years she had done no Spanish. Another student doing environmental sciences felt that without the advertised pollution module, the course was professionally devalued.

But some of these cases are the proverbial hot air which pervades all student affairs. The National Union of Students, which normally takes a radical stand, states: "This is not a major problem. Most complaints are handled internally. Today's students are more aware and are confident *but when it comes to serious cases* actually getting to the courts, we are only talking about a handful a year, if that."

Nicola Hart, head of the education team at Birmingham solicitors, Martineau Johnson, says: "There is no question that some lawyers are trying to talk this whole area up. In fact, most of these complaints are resolved long before they come to litigation. If there is a positive in all this, it is that all universities have had to harden up their internal complaints procedures so as to head off these cases before they become too expensive."

OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY

Oxford Brookes University: "It is healthy that students are exercising their rights," says the Pro-Chancellor

FRENCH

TWO new universities — Portsmouth and Westminster — achieved the best results in last year's review of teaching in French. But University College London's 5* grading for research allowed it to overhaul its 29 rivals.

Oxford and Cambridge, which, together with Nottingham, also reached the top research grade, were among 45 institutions teaching French which chose to be assessed on modern languages as a whole. They are not included in this table, although Northumbria and Queen Mary and Westfield College, London, matched the best scores for teaching quality.

Assessors found the standard of teaching at English universities to be generally high, although they regretted the limited opportunities for *part-time study*. More than half the students are female and more than half are awarded first or upper-second class degrees.

Most language laboratories were considered well-resourced, but assessors found significant deficiencies in a minority of libraries, often in new universities.

In most universities, the emphasis has switched from literature to language, with the period spent abroad assuming greater importance. Entrance requirements are extremely variable, with some universities enjoying high demand from applicants, while others struggle to fill their places.

1	UCL
2	Warwick
3=	Durham, Exeter, Leeds
6	Sussex
7	Sheffield
8=	Reading, Royal Holloway
10=	Hull, King's, Queen's (Belfast)
13	Bristol
14	Liverpool
15	Westminster
16	Manchester
17	Nottingham
18	Leicester
19	Ulster
20	Birmingham

(Total Institutions: 30)

GEOGRAPHY

THE FOUR top universities for geography have all scored maximum points for teaching and research. The introduction of the starred five for research has enabled Bristol, Cambridge, Durham and University College London to pull away from Oxford, now in eighth place.

Assessors of teaching in geography were among the most generous with top ratings. *Thirty institutions*, including three colleges of higher education, were judged to be excellent. Cheltenham and Gloucester, Canterbury Christ Church and the Liverpool Institute joined three former polytechnics on the top rung.

Of the new universities, only Coventry and Portsmouth make our top 20, however. The reason is that last December's research ratings reverted to type. Christ Church joined three new universities and several other colleges on the bottom grade, with virtually no research of national excellence, while the traditional universities ruled the roost. Leeds, Newcastle, Royal Holloway, Sheffield and Southampton all had some internationally-rated research.

1=	Bristol, Cambridge, Durham, UCL
5=	Leeds, Sheffield, Southampton
8=	Edinburgh, Lancaster, Nottingham, Oxford, UEA
13=	Birmingham, Exeter, Kings, Queen Mary, Manchester, Reading, Swansea
20=	Aberdeen, Coventry, Glasgow, Portsmouth, St Andrews.

(Total Institutions: 60)

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The first National Lottery grants to be awarded to good causes overseas include more than £3 million of politically sensitive awards to human rights projects and education schemes for Palestinians........ **Page 1**

Major gardener

With the cares of office behind him, *John Major is planning to* extend the garden at his Huntingdon home into the orchard which forms a substantial part of his two-acre grounds........ **Pages 1, 5**

Nurses shackled

Human Rights groups protested after two British nurses accused of murdering an Australian colleague were taken to a Saudi court manacled at the ankles by iron shackles........ **Page 3**

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Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, told nurses they could not expect a large pay rise in the foreseeable future, and was cheered loudly........ **Page 7**

Nazi murder race

German military police commanders competed for the highest number of executions as Hitler's armies advanced across Russia in 1941........ ***Page 8***

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Scientists at Cambridge University investigating the history of the universe have installed a £2 million super computer.... **Page 9**

Lost bus

A professor is suing a public transport authority in Yorkshire because his bus failed to turn up after a two-hour wait. He wants his £2.80 taxi fare and £10 court costs........ **Page 9**

Wind of change

A plan to build the biggest wind farm in Europe, consisting of 40 *turbines, more than half* as high again as Nelson's Column, in one of the last British wild landscapes has caused outrage........ **Page 15**

US forces axed

The Pentagon, in the most comprehensive review of US defences since the end of the Cold War, reached a compromise to axe dozens of bases and thousands of personnel........ **Page 16**

Kabila arrives

Laurent Kabila, the Zairean rebel leader, is to enter Kinshasa, the capital of the newly-declared Democratic Republic of Congo, today........ **Page 17**

Afghan mutiny

General Dostum, leader of northern Afghanistan and the last bulwark against the Taleban Islamic militia, faced a potentially disastrous mutiny........ **Page 18**

To the manor bought

For a fraction of a penny you can be lord of a Hungarian manor, with park, lake, swimming pool and heated football pitch. But there is a catch........ **Page 19**

Gurkhas defeated by Army pensions

■ Former Gurkha soldiers in the British Army are competing with Filipino women for jobs as domestic servants in Hong Kong because their pensions are so inadequate. More than 200, unable to support their families on between £15 and £20 a month, are working as cooks, gardeners and drivers. Their British former comrades get £475 a month........ **Page 18**

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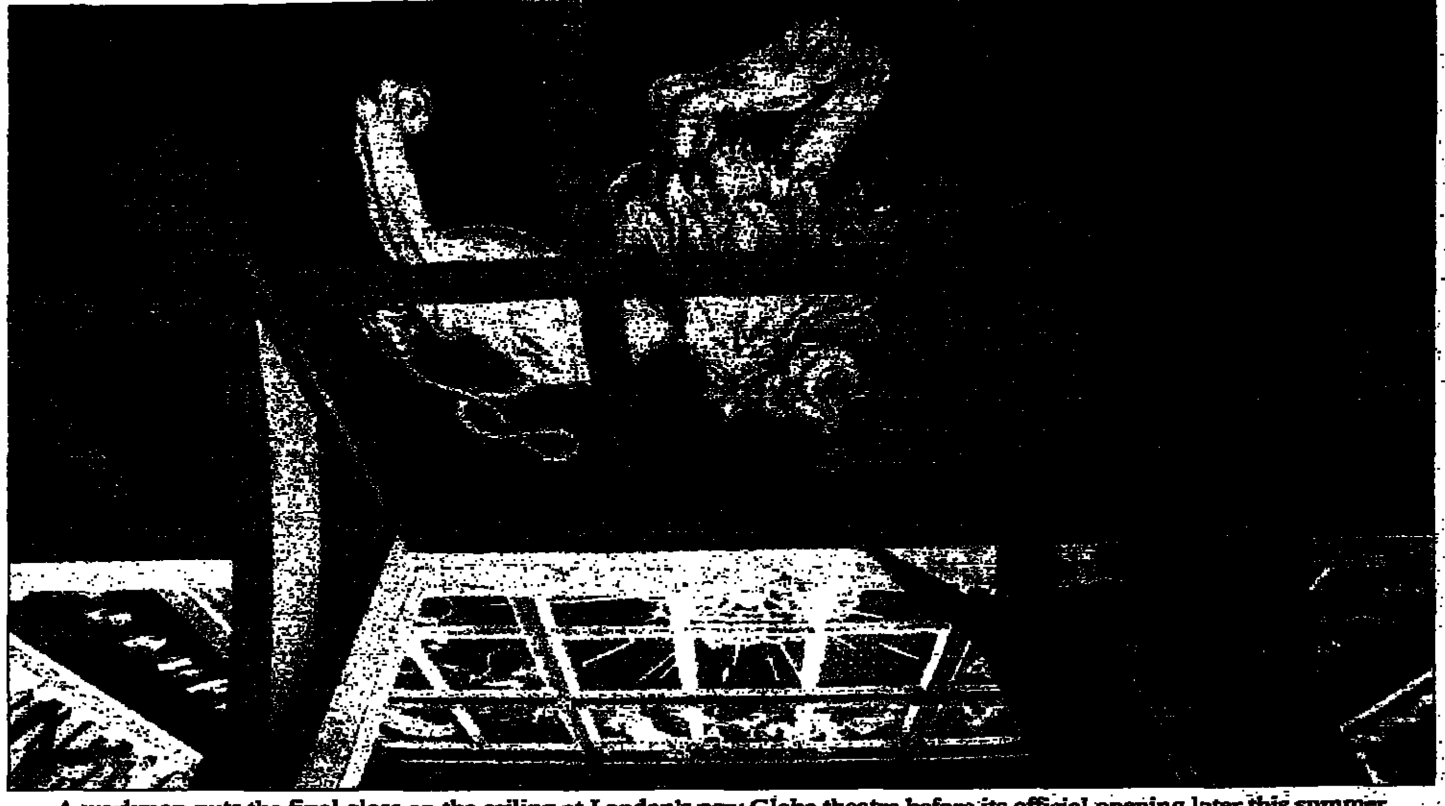

A workman puts the final gloss on the ceiling at London's new Globe theatre before its official opening later this summer

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It is time this election campaign was over and done with. It has neglected the important themes, such as immigration, security and society's outcasts; it has tripped up on the problem of unemployment. Lacking effective solutions, it has concentrated more on personalities than ideas. — *Le Figaro*

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Ann Widdecombe may want the best for the Conservative Party but the scrap between her and Michael Howard is doing it no good. It is the absence of leadership which allows lieutenants the space to squabble........ **Page 23**

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The budget agreement was perhaps the best that could be expected between a Democratic President and Republican legislature. Even so, it will do little for the American economy in the short term and less for American politics in the medium term........ **Page 23**

Waiting for the buses

The professor is enacting the Walter Mitty dream of all who stand hopelessly in queues. Everything comes to him who waits, except the bus........ **Page 23**

DAVID BLUNKETT

The Prime Minister has repeatedly made it clear that our priorities are "education, education and education". Having been given this important brief, my priorities are standards, standards and standards. From today, the Government will be calling in the local authorities and schools concerned to meet the Minister of School Standards, Stephen Byers........ **Page 22**

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Why should this Government, everybody's Government, be bounced by single-issue lobbyists into putting its gravitas behind the banning of foxhunting?........ **Page 22**

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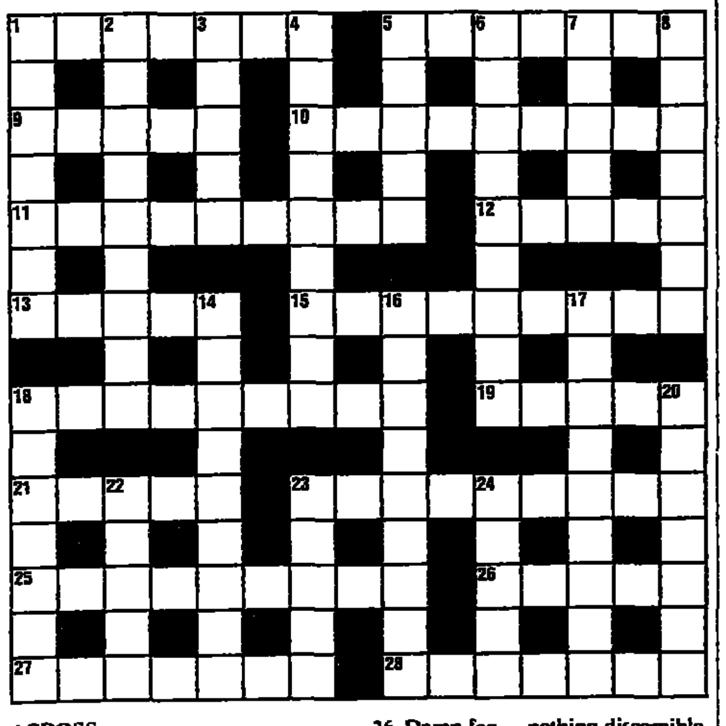

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18 Standard surmounting a favourite defensive work (7).
20 After bowling spell, spinner gets cap (7).
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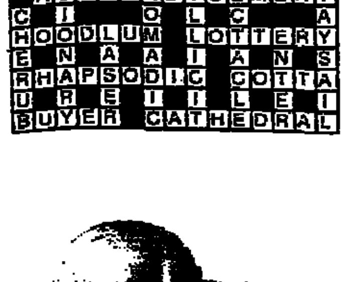

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Yesterday: Highest day temp: Coltishall, Norfolk, 22C (72F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Aberdeen, 1.49in; highest sunshine: Clacton, Essex, 12.3hr

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** most of England and Wales should start grey and misty but become brighter through the morning. Heavy showers are expected to break out with some thunder in places. The extreme north should be more cloudy with patchy rain.

Scotland should be mostly cloudy with occasional rain and perhaps the odd heavier burst. There may be some drier, brighter spells in more western parts. Northern Ireland is likely to be mainly cloudy with some patchy light rain.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, Midlands, E England, Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales, Central N England:** misty start becoming brighter but with heavy and possibly thundery showers developing. *Winds mostly light, south* to southwesterly. Max 17-19C (63-66F).

☐ **N Wales, NW England:** mostly cloudy but mainly dry. Wind light and variable. Max 14-16C (57-61F).

☐ **Lake District, Isle of Man, NE England, SW Scotland, Glasgow, N Ireland:** mainly cloudy with patchy rain, becoming persistent later. Wind variable, mainly between north and east. Max 13-15C (55-59F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands:** mainly cloudy with outbreaks of rain, locally heavy. Wind north to northeasterly, moderate. Max 12-14C (54-57F).

☐ **Moray Firth, NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** rain at first, but becoming gradually brighter and drier from the north. Wind northeasterly, fresh to strong. Max 10-12C (50-54F).

☐ **Argyll:** mostly cloudy, though some brighter spells. Mainly dry. Wind north to northeast, moderate. Max 13-15C (55-59F).

☐ **Outlook:** rain clearing from the south.

☐ **Pollen forecast today:** all regions should be low.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	1.49	9	48	r	Leeds	1.9	0.09	15	59	d
Anglesey	5.4	0.02	19	66	r	Lerwick	6.6	-	9	48	c
Aspatria	7.6	0.01	20	68	fg	Leuchars	-	0.18	11	52	c
Aviemore	X					Littlehmptn	X				
Belfast	8.2	[illegible]	17	63	fg	London	4.7	0.01	19	66	sh
Birmingham	4.4	0.07	19	66	r	Lowestoft	10.9	-	18	64	s
Bognor R	2.9	0.21	16	61	r	Manchester	5.2	0.01	19	66	b
Bournem'th	5.2	0.35	16	61	r	Margate	10.1	0.04	19	66	s
Bristol	3.9	0.56	17	63	r	Minehead	5.2	0.60	17	63	r
Buxton	2.5	0.01	15	59	du	Morecambe	2.2	0.01	18	64	du
Cardiff	3.5	0.33	16	61	r	Newcastle	0.4	-	14	57	fg
Clacton	12.2	0.02	14	57	s	Newquay	7.1	0.29	17	63	sh
Cleethorpes	2.2	0.01	13	55	du	Norwich	8.7	-	22	72	s
Colwyn Bay	4.7	0.01	19	66	c	Oxford	3.2	0.03	16	61	f
Cromer	6.1	0.06	16	61	b	Penzance	X	0.25	17	63	s
Dunbar	-	0.03	9	48	c	Poole	5.0	0.35	18	64	r
Eastbourne	4.1	0.08	16	61	r	Prestatyn	X	-	19	66	c
Edinburgh	-	0.07	12	54	c	Ross-o-wye	1.3	0.34	15	59	r
Eskdalemuir	5.4	0.01	15	59	b	Ryde	4.1	0.33	18	64	r
Exmouth	7.0	0.34	15	59	r	Salcombe	7.6	0.91	15	59	s
Falmouth	7.3	0.43	15	59	s	Sandown	2.9	0.32	16	61	r
Fishguard	5.4	0.19	13	55	r	Saunton Snd	4.2	0.43	16	61	r
Folkestone	7.3	0.13	20	68	r	Scarboro'	-	0.01	11	52	fg
Glasgow	1.4	0.01	14	57	c	Shanklin	4.3	0.42	16	61	r
Guernsey	X					Shrewsbury	3.5	0.09	18	64	r
Hastings	4.2	0.06	17	63	r	Southend	6.6	0.02	21	70	sh
Hayling I	4.5	0.23	16	61	r	Southport	5.0	-	19	66	b
Herne Bay	5.9	0.04	20	68	s	Southsea	X				
Hove	2.9	0.04	18	64	b	Stornoway	0.2	0.75	9	48	c
Hunstanton	X		16	61	s	Swanage	5.7	0.29	16	61	sh
Ilfracombe	X					Teignmouth	3.9	0.56	17	63	r
Isle of Man	3.0		17	63	b	Tenby	-	0.09	14	57	r
Jersey	7.6	0.25	19	66	f	Tiree	0.6	0.03	15	59	r
Kinloss	-	1.00	9	48	r	Torquay	6.9	0.41	17	63	s

ABROAD

	C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	21	70	s	Corfu	27	81	s	Majorca	22	72	s	Rome	22	72	s
Akrotiri	26	79	s	C'phagn	11	52	f	Malaga	23	73	f	S Fr'isco	22	72	s
Alex'dria	39	102	s	Dublin	15	59	c	Malta	29	84	s	S Paulo	24	75	c
Algiers	23	73	f	Dubrovnik	24	75	s	Melb'rne	14	57	c	Salzburg	25	77	s
Amst'dm	19	66	r	Faro	21	70	f	Mexico C	21	70	s	Santiago	10	50	r
Athens	26	79	s	Florence	24	75	f	Miami	31	88	s	Seoul	23	73	s
B Aires	13	56	r	Frankfurt	12	54	r	Milan	27	81	f	Sing'por	33	91	f
Bahrain	36	97	s	Funchal	20	68	c	Montreal	15	59	s	St'kholm	18	64	s
Bangkok	34	93	f	Geneva	18	64	s	Moscow	7	45	c	Strasb'rg	17	63	c
Barbados	29	84	f	Gibraltar	23	73	s	Munich	23	73	f	Sydney	19	66	c
Barcelona	22	72	s	Helsinki	14	57	s	N Delhi	29	84	f	Tangier	21	70	s
Beirut	22	72	s	Hong K	29	84	f	N York	18	64	s	Tel Aviv	31	88	s
Belgrade	29	84	s	Innsbrck	26	79	f	Nairobi	23	73	f	Tenerife	25	77	s
Berlin	27	81	s	Istanbul	24	75	s	Naples	24	75	s	Tokyo	23	73	f
Bermuda	25	77	f	Jeddah	37	99	s	Nice	19	66	s	Toronto	11	52	f
Biarritz	24	75	f	Jo'burg	19	66	s	Oslo	19	66	f	Tunis	27	81	f
Bordeaux	22	72	f	L Angels	19	66	f	Paris	17	63	c	Valencia	23	73	s
Brussels	19	66	f	L Palmas	24	75	c	Peking	26	79	c	Vanc'ver	16	61	s
Budapest	26	79	s	Le Touqt	17	63	f	Perth	19	66	c	Venice	25	77	s
Cairo	40	104	f	Lisbon	19	66	f	Prague	26	79	f	Vienna	26	79	s
Cape Tn	X			Locarno	22	72	f	Reykjavik	8	46	f	Warsaw	23	73	s
Ch'church	9	48	r	Luxembg	15	59	r	Rhodes	24	75	s	Wash'ton	24	75	f
Chicago	18	64	f	Luxor	41	106	s	Rio de J	26	79	f	Wel'ngton	14	57	r
Cologne	17	63	f	Madrid	19	66	f	Riyadh	37	99	f	Zurich	15	59	c

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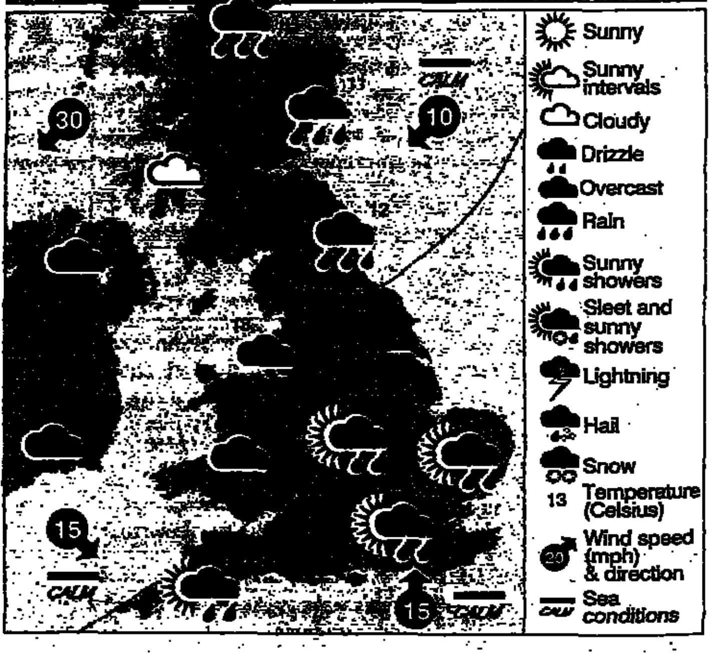

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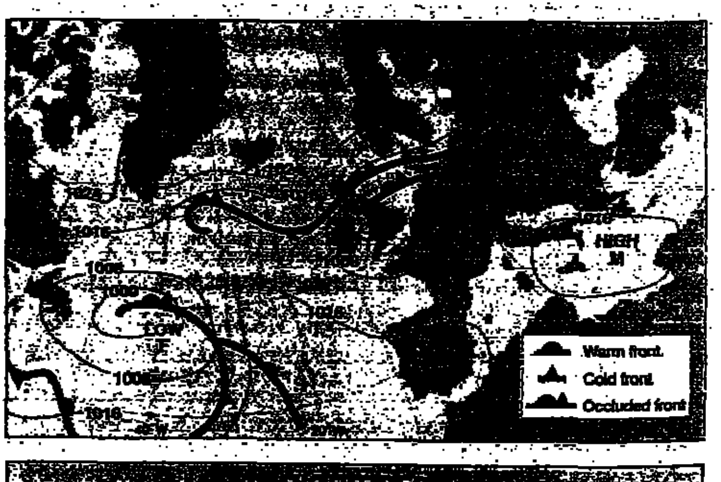

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Aberdeen	00.52	3.8	13.05	3.8	Liverpool	10.48	8.8	23.08	8.9
Avonmouth	06.34	12.0	18.59	12.3	Lowestoft	09.21	2.3	21.16	2.3
Belfast	10.31	3.2	23.00	3.2	Margate	11.42	4.4	23.54	4.4
Cardiff	06.20	11.1	18.45	11.4	Milford Haven	05.41	6.2	18.03	6.4
Devonport	05.02	5.2	17.28	5.2	Newquay	04.35	6.2	16.58	6.4
Dover	10.39	6.1	22.54	6.2	Oban	05.15	3.5	17.50	3.5
Dublin (N Wall)	11.18	3.8	23.33	3.7	Penzance	04.06	6.0	16.27	5.1
Falmouth	04.33	5.0	17.00	5.0	Portland	06.03	1.8	18.32	1.8
Greenock	00.09	3.0	12.12	3.0	Portsmouth	11.09	4.2	23.20	4.4
Harwich	11.34	3.7	23.51	3.7	Shoreham	10.47	5.5	23.06	5.8
Holyhead	09.57	5.1	22.19	5.2	Southampton	10.22	4.2	22.39	4.4
Hull (Albert D)	05.53	8.0	18.07	8.1	Swansea	05.54	8.5	18.14	8.7
Ilfracombe	05.26	8.2	17.50	8.5	Tees	03.04	4.9	15.20	4.9
King's Lynn	05.59	5.9	18.09	6.0	Walton-on-N	11.29	3.9	23.45	3.8

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Moon rises: 6.41 pm

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Bristol 9.03 pm to 5.11 am
Edinburgh 9.28 pm to 4.50 am
Manchester 9.11 pm to 4.59 am
Penzance 9.09 pm to 5.26 am

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TUESDAY MAY 20 1997

DES JENSON

Air smiles: but Bob Ayling's sunny visage yesterday may be darkened if British Airways cabin crew vote in favour of industrial action next month

Bonuses fail to fend off attack on BA staff relations

By Jon Ashworth

BRITISH AIRWAYS revealed a bumper bonus package averaging £1,100 for its 58,000 employees yesterday but was accused of having a "19th century mill-owner approach to industrial relations" ahead of its cabin crew balloting over industrial action.

Pre-tax profits rose 9.4 per cent to £640 million in the year to March 31, leaving BA's UK-based staff with an average bonus of almost £1,100 each, or about 3.3 weeks' basic pay. Employees are to share a £94 million bonus, comprising £89 million in shared profits, plus ten free BA shares each.

The windfall comes as BA cabin crew prepare to vote on industrial action. Members of the British Airways Stewards and Stewardesses Association (BASSA), part of the T&G union, are protesting over new terms and conditions. The ballot result will be announced on June 27.

Bill Morris, general secretary of T&G, attacked BA after it closed the BASSA offices at Gatwick and Heathrow.

BA hopes to learn soon whether its alliance with American Airlines will be cleared to proceed. Bob Ayling, BA's chief executive, said he had been "picking up the threads" with government ministers and hoped the matter would be treated "with all due dispatch". Rival airlines, led by United Airlines and Lufthansa, combined last week to create the Star Alliance, lending increased urgency to BA's calls.

BA's operating profits fell 25 per cent to £546 million (£728 million), dragged down by a 20 per cent rise in fuel costs, together with a £127 million exceptional restructuring charge. However, a £125 million write-back of a provision against BA's stake in USAir, soon to be disposed of, largely cancelled out the shortfall. BA wrote down the value of its USAir investment by 50 per cent two years ago.

Sir Colin Marshall, BA's chairman, said: "Economic conditions in British Airways' major markets are expected to produce continuing growth in demand for air travel during the next 12 months, with the UK and US economies still strong. Sterling's current strength will adversely impact profits, although it is anticipated that this will at least partially be offset by lower fuel prices and further business efficiency improvements."

The rise in fuel prices trimmed £55 million from operating profits last year, but prices have now eased. BA's efficiency drive will provide more than £200 million in savings in the current financial year, rising to £600 million in the year to March 2000.

BA admitted to serious baggage problems at Heathrow Terminal One, but said the situation is under control. The company blamed BAA, which is upgrading baggage systems, but faces separate difficulties with BA baggage handlers. Some 2,800 workers in Aircraft Services at Heathrow face a two-year pay freeze, the introduction of better working practices and lower wage rates for new recruits.

BA carried 38 million passengers last year. Passenger yield on mainland scheduled services improved 1.3 per cent, but cargo yield fell 8.8 per cent, hit by excess capacity and fierce price competition. Mr Ayling said BA is looking to expand its non-core activities.

The shares fell 24p to 736p. Fully diluted earnings per share increased 14.9 per cent to 50.8p. A final dividend of 10.80p (9.8p) a share makes a total of 15.05p (13.65p).

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OFT investigates Dixons over 'strong-arm tactics'

By Robert Miller

DIXONS, Britain's largest electrical retailer, could face a formal inquiry by the Office of Fair Trading over alleged "strong-arm tactics" to have rivals excluded from out-of-town shopping centres.

The high street chain, headed by Sir Stanley Kalms, has been accused of using an "unfair and anti-competitive" strategy to force developers of out-of-town centres to deny floor space to Dixons' competitors. Angry rivals claim that consumers are being forced to pay much higher prices for personal computers, videos and other electrical goods at shopping parks because of a lack of competition. In documents seen by *The Times*, the OFT wrote to many of Dixons' rivals asking for information last month.

The investigation follows other OFT inquiries into Dixons's activities, notably on the selling of extended warranties on electrical goods at its stores. This recommended in December 1994 that a code of practice be introduced. The code is currently being reviewed by the Department of Trade and Industry.

The OFT letter, signed by Donald Mason of the Competition Policy Division, said: "We are considering a complaint against Dixons Group (DG) concerning its policy in regard to leasing space on retail parks. In many cases it is a condition of DG's taking space on a retail park that the retail park landlord does not let space to any other, or to more than one other, retailer of electrical goods or personal computer equipment". The OFT sought replies by May 9 but is still waiting for some to return.

Simon Fox, chief executive of Office World, filed a complaint with the OFT after he was told by the developers of the Festival Park in Stoke-on-Trent that his company could not rent space because if it did Currys, a subsidiary of Dixons, would pull out of a planned shop leasing deal. Mr Fox complained to Dixons but was told in a reply from Martin Meech, group property director of Dixons: "We are ensuring that competition to our operation is kept to a minimum."

Mr Fox said: "We have grown from nothing to 50 stores in seven years because we offer our goods at competitive prices. Overall consumers who shop for computer and electrical equipment centres at out-of-town sites must be paying millions of pounds more because of the lack of competition."

Michael Kraftman, a director of Tempo, another electrical and computer retailer, said: "We have passed details of six specific instances to the OFT where we believe Dixons has used its muscle to keep us out. If you have three or four competitors on the same site it has to be good for consumers."

Helen Jones, company secretary of Kingfisher, which owns Woolworths, B&Q and Comet, the electrical retailer, and has responded to the OFT inquiry, said last night: "Seeking restrictions on who can lease out-of-town sites is a tactic which doesn't work for very long."

Dixons does not deny that it has insisted on certain restrictive clauses being included in rental contracts. The company said: "Dixons, like any other retailer, is free to negotiate the terms on which it is prepared to invest in these developments and, as you would expect with any business, we will seek the best terms possible when we negotiate a lease. Sometimes this involves negotiating lease restrictions with our landlords, a practice which is not unique to Dixons or to electrical retailing."

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Rowland's role key to Lonrho

By Paul Durman

TINY ROWLAND, ousted two years ago from Lonrho, has re-emerged at the heart of the latest wranglings to decide the future of the African mining group that he created.

Contrary to expectations of some analysts, Mr Rowland, 79, has been re-elected to the board of Ashanti Goldfields, the Ghanaian mining company that seems to hold the key to a £2 billion merger of Lonrho with JCI, a South African mining company headed by Mzi Khumalo, a former political prisoner. Mr Rowland's fellow directors of Ashanti include Nick Morrell, his successor as Lonrho chief executive.

Mr Rowland's reappointment surprised Charles Kernot, analyst with Paribas Capital Markets, who had been led to believe that Ashanti was severing its links with him. Although Mr Rowland rarely attends Ashanti board meetings, he would receive confidential company papers.

Lonrho's 41 per cent stake in Ashanti is coveted by Anglo American, the South African mines group being forced to cut its 28 per cent stake in Lonrho.

Mr Khumalo was in London yesterday. Lonrho said that its talks with JCI were only preliminary, with no firm terms tabled. It is thought that JCI is willing to be taken over via an all-share deal.

Analysts believe the talks may flush out a bid for Lonrho from mining groups such as Anglovaal or BHP of Australia.

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Watchdog calls truce with ScottishPower

By Christine Buckley
Industrial Correspondent

THE electricity regulator has backed down from a fight with ScottishPower that could have delivered a £15-a-year cut in household bills. Instead, Professor Stephen Littlechild agreed to a £6-a-year bill cut in order to end a protracted legal battle between the two.

The watchdog's office denied that Professor Littlechild had climbed down. A spokeswoman said he had ensured benefits for customers when the next stage in the clash — a possible House of Lords challenge by the regulator — may have yielded nothing.

Littlechild: "good deal"

The 2 per cent cut in ScottishPower's bills means its pricing regime is now similar to Hydro-Electric, the other Scottish electricity company. ScottishPower has been fighting to be treated the same as Hydro-Electric. It successfully challenged the regulator's 1994 price formula at the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and in 1995 won an overhaul of the way Scottish prices are compared with English generating prices.

The regulator refused to treat ScottishPower on the same basis as its neighbour. ScottishPower sought a judicial review, which decided in favour of the regulator. An appeal by ScottishPower was upheld in February. Then Professor Littlechild said he would seek leave to appeal at the House of Lords. Yesterday, he said it was "a good deal" and ScottishPower's customers would see a further cut in their bills "of at least 2 per cent later this year".

ScottishPower said it had saved about £10 million on the cuts it may have had to make.

Savoy refit near to completion

By Alasdair Murray

THE Savoy Group is on the verge of completing its £62 million refurbishment project and should reap the full benefits in the second half of the year, the luxury hotels company told its shareholders yesterday.

But Sir Ewen Fergusson, the Savoy's chairman, was unable to elaborate on the future of Granada's 63 per cent stake in the company, which is valued at around £200 million.

Discussions are understood to have begun on the disposal of the stake, which was acquired after Granada's takeover of Forte, but a final decision may take until the end of the year.

The disposal is complicated by the fact that the Granada shares carry no voting rights. Reform of the Savoy Group share structure, which would enable Granada to place the stake in the market, would require the agreement of the Wontner family who possess voting control of the company.

Sir Ewen told the annual shareholders meeting that the extensive renovation programme at the company's five hotels would be finished within a month. He added that the company would be able to enjoy the full benefits of the scheme next year but the completion of work at The Berkeley in Knightsbridge had already led to a very significant improvement in room rate and occupancy levels. Savoy "A" shares closed up 5p at £14.65.

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STOCK MARKET INDICES

FTSE 100	4645.2	(-48.7)
Yield	3.51%	
FTSE All share	2211.91	(-19.07)
Nikkei	20489.75	(+165.02)
New York:		
Dow Jones	7188.90	(-5.77)*
S&P Composite	830.21	(+0.46)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	$5^{9}/_{16}$%*	($5^{1}/_{8}$%)
Long Bond	$96^{16}/_{32}$*	($96^{15}/_{32}$)
Yield	6.91%*	(6.91%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	$6^{13}/_{32}$%	($6^{7}/_{16}$%)
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STERLING

New York:		
$	1.6377*	(1.6365)
London:		
$	1.6386	(1.6375)
DM	2.7973	(2.7740)
FFr	9.4184	(9.3444)
SFr	2.3403	(2.3241)
Yen	190.37	(188.84)
£ Index	99.2	(98.6)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.7100*	(1.6925)
FFr	5.7575*	(5.6995)
SFr	1.4287*	(1.4200)
Yen	116.03*	(115.70)
$ Index	102.4	(101.9)

Tokyo close Yen 116.33

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Aug)	$20.15	($20.20)

GOLD

London close	$341.25	($344.75)

* denotes midday trading price

Surplus knocks PSBR forecasts

By Alasdair Murray

THE government borrowing requirement this year looks likely to be significantly lower than forecast after data published yesterday showed the public sector running a budget surplus in April.

The Government was able to repay £36 million of debt last month compared with a deficit of around £3 billion in April last year. The City had been expecting a public sector borrowing requirement in the region of £1.4 billion.

Economists predicted that Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, would be able to make a downward revision to the Government's PSBR forecast, which stands at £19.2 billion, in the mini-Budget expected next month. But the Treasury played down the figures, saying they had been flattered by one-off windfalls, including around £1.25 billion of receipts from the sale of the Housing Corporation loan-book and the Ministry of Defence married quarters.

The data was well received on the foreign exchanges with the pound closing up nearly two-and-a-half pfennigs at DM2.7981. Sterling's trade weighted index also climbed over half a point to 99.2. But the FT-SE 100 fell 48.7 points to close at 4,645.2.

VAT receipts were up 41.5 per cent to £1.4 billion, although the Treasury estimated that around £1 billion of this was because of larger companies paying their VAT bills on a quarterly basis. Income tax receipts rose 10.6 per cent and social security contributions were up 11.6 per cent.

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Parties agree terms in Barings bond row

By Jon Ashworth

BONDHOLDERS in the collapsed Barings group are a step closer to winning at least some of their money back, after a breakthrough in negotiations with the Barings administrators.

Nigel Hamilton, Alan Bloom and Maggie Mills of Ernst & Young announced yesterday that agreement over a settlement with bondholders had been reached in principle. This follows a year of negotiations overseen by the City Disputes Panel, which seeks to act as an alternative to the courts in resolving disputes.

Both sides have agreed terms, and the settlement will now be put to the courts for ratification. There is speculation that bondholders could receive 50 to 60 per cent of their money back, while those who subscribed to a £100 million issue of subordinated notes could see 25p in the pound.

The two main issues of bonds occurred in 1985 and 1994. All three classes of bondholders initiated legal action against the defunct Barings plc and its directors, as well as advisers to the issues, including Barings Brothers, Hoare Govett, Cazenove and Barclays de Zoete Wedd. They alleged mis-selling, and were pressing for compensation under the Financial Services Act (1986).

The losers included elderly investors lured by the high rates of interest on offer, and life and pension funds such as Scottish Amicable and Legal & General. Another victim was Downside, Britain's oldest Roman Catholic public school, whose charitable trust lost £50,000. Father Charles, the Abbot of Downside, has campaigned tirelessly to replenish the charity's coffers.

Holders of the 1994 notes are likely to fare the best. This money was lent on to one of the companies in the Barings securities arm that is still trading, and investors can expect to receive a more generous offer. Thousands of bondholders lost £275 million in the collapse.

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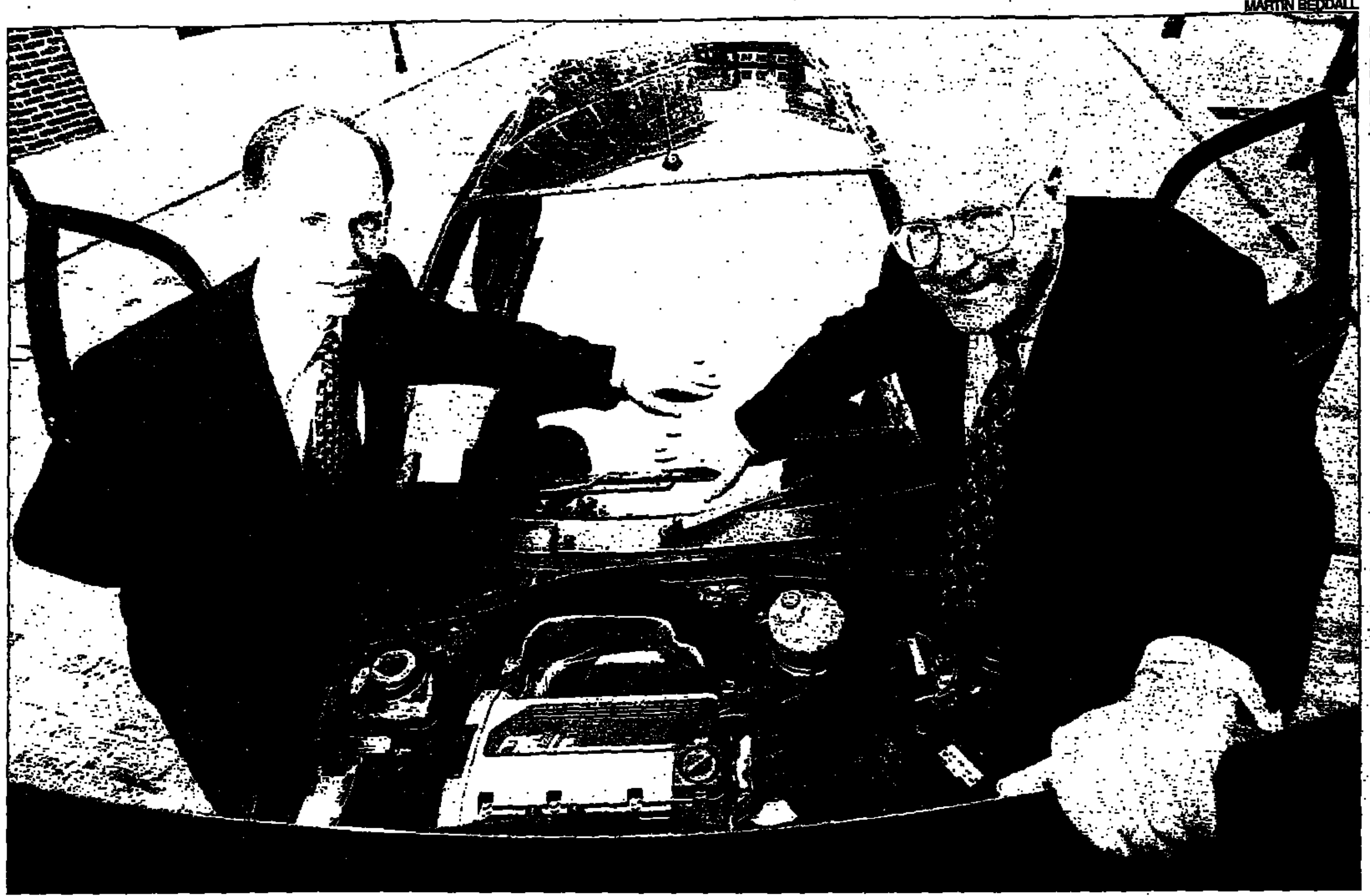

Richard Anderson, left, and Sid Taylor, respectively chief executive and chairman of Independent Parts, the components group, increased pre-tax profits from £3.7 million to £4.2 million in the year to March 31. The total dividend rises from 6.0p to 6.2p after a maintained 4p final. Earnings fell from 12.6p to 12.2p. The group said that it managed a strong sales performance in tough markets. Sales were up from £20.3 million to £25.6 million

Sterling claims another casualty as Glaxo issues profit warning

By Eric Reguly

THE strong pound continued to take its toll of Britain's leading companies when Glaxo Wellcome, the world's largest pharmaceuticals group, gave warning yesterday that profits will decline by 5 per cent this year if sterling remains at current levels.

Sir Colin Corness, chairman, told the company's annual shareholders' meeting that the strong pound wiped out the 10 per cent rise in sales in the first four months of this year. Glaxo shares fell 31½p, or 2.6 per cent, to 1251½p as a result.

Most analysts left their profit forecasts unchanged in spite of the currency warning. Glaxo said early in the year that the strength of sterling would cut into profits, but did not put a figure on the expected damage.

John Murphy, analyst at Goldman Sachs, the Wall Street investment firm, is still calling for pre-tax profits of £2.81 billion, or 54p a share, this year. In 1996, the company reported pre-tax profits of £2.96 billion, or 56.7p a share.

The forecast fall in year-on-year profits is entirely because of the loss of US patent protection on Zantac, the anti-ulcer treatment that is Glaxo's bestselling product, in the summer. Sir Richard Sykes, chief executive, said Zantac could lose as much as 90 per cent of its US sales. In the first four months, total Zantac sales declined 7 per cent as competing products gained market share.

Zantac accounted for almost 50 per cent of Glaxo's sales in 1990. The figure has since fallen to 20 per cent and Sir Richard said generic competition could force down Zantac's share to as little as 10 per cent.

Novopharm, the Canadian drugs manufacturer, will launch the first generic form of Zantac, known as ranitidine hydrochloride, in the US on July 9. Glaxo is gambling that new products will more than offset Zantac's decline. Sir Richard said that Glaxo will achieve single-digit sales growth in 1997 and 1998 and return to double-digit growth in 1999 as new drugs take up the slack. Sales in the first four months of this year were £2.75 billion, up 10 per cent in constant exchange-rate terms.

Sales of other products were up 15 per cent in the period, with respiratory, anti-viral and central nervous system products leading the way. With the decline of Zantac, respiratory products now form the company's largest therapy area.

The annual meeting marked the retirement of Sir Colin. He was succeeded as chairman by Sir Richard, who retains the chief executive's title. Sean Lance, the chief operating officer, is to become chief executive in a year.

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AMP prepares new UK bid

By Caroline Merrell and Rachel Bridge

AMP, the Australian life assurer that owns Pearl Assurance and London Life, has appointed DLJ Phoenix, a mergers and acquisitions specialist, to work on a bid for another UK life company.

NPI, Friends Provident and Norwich Union have all been tipped as takeover candidates.

AMP, one of Australia's biggest life insurance companies, is in the process of shedding its mutual status. Rebuffed as a purchaser for Scottish Amicable, it is expected to make any bid move before its float later this year.

AMP will be following in the footsteps of Colonial, which yesterday became the second Australian life insurer to demutualise. The first was National Mutual of Australia. British shareholders who sold their holdings in Colonial on the first day of trading would have made, on average, £1,300.

Colonial's shares rose 9p above their listing price to £1.56 (A$3.31). The rise represents an instant 27 per cent gain for the group's UK policyholders, who were issued shares at £1.22 (A$2.60) as part of the group's demutualisation last year. However, those who sold immediately will get only £1.30 per share because of the structure of the share sale and the strength of sterling.

Around 255,000 UK policyholders qualified for shares. Each received a basic allocation of 225 shares, more than half were allocated at least 1,000 shares. More than 100,000 of the UK shareholders opted to sell immediately.

Thrifty Britons save £18bn in first quarter

By Anne Ashworth

BRITAIN was gripped by a wave of thrift in the first quarter of this year.

Combined personal savings in bank and building society accounts, National Savings, unit trusts, pensions and life assurance increased 26 per cent. Some £18 billion was invested, £10 billion of this being deposited with banks and building societies, according to the Abbey National Savings Index.

Barry Naisbitt, Abbey National economist, attributed the rise to the continuing trend towards higher incomes. He added that some of the savings could have been motivated by general uncertainty before the general election.

For example, contributions to pension plans were up 12 per cent, at £4.9 billion, as people moved to use their tax reliefs before the end of the 1996-97 tax year and a possibly less lenient regime under a new Government.

Savers were also busily opening accounts with building societies tipped for takeover or conversion, in the hope of a bonus, or topping up their accounts with converting societies to ensure that they qualified for free shares.

Abbey National yesterday revealed increases in its own savers' rates, following the base rate rise earlier this month. Rates will rise by up to 0.30 per cent.

The Abbey is the only the second leading institution to reveal its new rates, following the Bradford & Bingley Building Society's announcement last week.

The summer promises to see fierce competition for deposits, as banks and building societies vie for investors' cash after building society windfall payouts.

First float in City for Japan

By Gavin Lumsden

HITACHI Credit UK, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Hitachi Credit Corporation of Japan, is to become the first Japanese company to float on the London Stock Exchange.

The company aims to raise between £15 million £20 million in a placing of shares with institutions. David Anthony, general manager, said that the money would be used to expand HCUK's operations in business and retail credit, insurance and contract hire — which trade under the banner of Nova — and Fleetlease, the contract hire and fleet management arm bought in 1991.

HCUK is also considering entering the store card market over the next 12 months. "We are a capital-hungry company, expanding rapidly in all our areas," said Mr Anthony.

HCC will retain a 60 per cent stake after the float.

Exchange hits 'shadows' with tighter AIM rules

By Fraser Nelson

THE London Stock Exchange has tightened regulations on the Alternative Investment Market to try to crack down on unnamed "shadow advisers" who pull the strings of AIM companies without detection.

Under the biggest overhaul of rules to date, new entrants to the junior exchange will be obliged to name anyone who has received more than £10,000 in either cash or shares in the year before admission. This is a requirement stiffer than that imposed on companies seeking admission to the official list.

The Exchange, which three months ago completed a review of the market's regulation system, said that the new regulations should stop companies finding loopholes to avoid naming promoters.

A spokesman said: "As soon as you get lawyers into the room, the definition of promoter varies from the very narrow to the very wide. We would rather people went with the spirit, rather than the letter, of the rules."

"We reckoned that £10,000 was a low enough sum to detect advisers, and that making it a year before the float is a long enough period — anyone minded to make a quick turn would not be around for that long. This should allow us to get hold of anybody we want to capture in that way."

The Exchange, of which Gavin Casey is chief executive, has also told the 61 City advisers working with AIM companies to ensure that profit warnings are given more quickly. Nominated advisers have also been told to make sure a company is "appropriate" for the junior exchange before agreeing to supervise flotation.

Gavin Casey has overseen a review of AIM regulations

Big changes at the top for American chain

McDonald's shake-up

MCDONALD'S, the hamburger chain, is making large-scale changes to its top management structure in an increasingly desperate effort to jump-start its flagging sales and make it more competitive (Richard Thomson writes).

Jack Greenberg, head of US operations, has sent an internal memo to franchisees and employees saying that the company had to make fundamental changes to its business structure.

The shake-up will be the most significant for McDonald's, which is widely regarded as having had a top heavy management since the early 1950s. The changes include sweeping away the eight zone managers in the US, the company's top executives in America. They will be replaced by a smaller number of national and more autonomous divisions, similar to the way McDonald's is managed in Britain and other overseas markets. The new executives have not yet been chosen, the company said.

The change overturns the 40-year-old centralised management structure based at McDonald's corporate headquarters in Illinois. The new structure is designed to make the company more flexible and responsive to the market, where McDonald's faces increasing competition from national rivals such as Burger King, owned by Grand Metropolitan, and small regional operators.

In an aggressive $200 million marketing effort, McDonald's cut the price of hamburgers to 55 cents, which is well below most competitors, but the move has failed to lift sales.

The group's 2,000 US franchisees have often complained that the stagnation in sales is partly because the company's centralised management has stifled innovation.

Up to 9,500 extra staff may be required

US banks eye London

US INVESTMENT banks are scouting the City and West End for new premises and could be employing more than 9,500 extra staff in London (Carl Mortished writes).

Chesterton, the property consultancy, reports that ten US banks are seeking a total of 1.4 million sq ft of new office space, 64 per cent more than they currently occupy.

The ten firms include Goldman Sachs, which is seeking between 150,000 and 300,000 sq ft, and Merrill Lynch, which wants up to 300,000 sq ft. Goldman is tipped to acquire the redevelopment of the former Daily Express building in Fleet Street, next to Goldman's existing headquarters. But the investment bank is also considering a development on the site of the former Daily Mirror building, Times Square in Queen Victoria Street and Canary Wharf.

Merrill Lynch is said to be interested in the Post Office site in King Edward Street in the City. Other US firms with their eyes on property expansion include CSFB, Andersen Consulting, JP Morgan, Fidelity and DLJ Phoenix.

The dash for new space reflects the continued focus by American banks on London as the hub for their eastward expansion. Chesterton estimates that the total space requirement of the ten firms is equivalent to some 9,500 extra jobs. Mark Bourne, of Chesterton, suggests that the investment will have serious implications for the City, increasing the demand for scarce skills and driving salaries even higher.

"Most seriously for the UK financial industry, further expansion by American companies will increase the competitive pressures on even the largest UK finance houses, leading possibly to a further shrinking of the home-grown presence in the City."

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Microsoft threatens IBM's core market

MICROSOFT, the software company, is moving into large-scale corporate computing for the first time, escalating the war between it and producers of mainframe and network computers, such as IBM and Oracle. In a significant marketing assault that begins today, Microsoft will start trying to sell networks of personal computers to large corporations which currently use mainframes and Unix software. The PC networks will use Microsoft software, and the initiative has won the backing of large PC manufacturers, such as Hewlett Packard.

The move threatens to take a massive bite out of the businesses of IBM and Oracle, which sell large networks of computers driven by a mainframe and using special networking software. It will therefore extend the intensifying battle between PCs and the supporters of mainframe driven networks, such as Larry Ellison.

ICAEW backs change

THE Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales has endorsed calls "at the earliest opportunity" for UK limited liability partnerships, but said joint and several liability remains the real cause for concern. The ICAEW, responding to a Department of Trade and Industry consultation paper, gave qualified support to the LLP proposals, which aim to protect accountants and other professionals from punitive lawsuits.

Channel 4 setback

CHANNEL 4, whose annual report was published yesterday, said that current-year profits will be "substantially lower" than 1996's because of the launch of Channel 5. Channel 4's profits, before tax and payments to the ITV companies, was £134.3 million last year, up 5 per cent. Sir Michael Bishop, chairman, said that revenue in the next few years is unlikely to keep up with inflation as the market becomes increasingly fragmented by new channels. Profit is expected to be "minimal" after 1998.

BAe awaits approval

BRITISH AEROSPACE expects shareholders in Reflectone, the US training systems company, to approve today its £25 million acquisition by the UK defence group. BAe already owns 48 per cent of Reflectone, which makes flight simulators, weapons training equipment and maintenance training aids for military and civilian customers, including Airbus. Reflectone's business is primarily in the US market, but the company is trying to expand into the UK.

Royal Blue prospectus

ROYAL BLUE, supplier of City dealing software and general IT support systems, issued its pathfinder prospectus yesterday, prior to listing on the Stock Exchange. It aims to raise £10 million through a placing in June, including £5 million of new money. The flotation should value the company at between £35 million and £40 million. Profit before tax was £2 million (1.1 million). Turnover was £11.7 million (£7.2 million).

Paragon's progress

PARAGON, the financial services group, raised its pre-tax profits 22 per cent, to £10 million, in the six months to March 31. Earnings per share increased from 9.3p to 11.4p. The interim dividend rises from 1.1p to 1.2p. Net interest income remained unchanged at £18.8 million, although other operating income rose from £2.5 million to £3.5 million. Operating expenses rose from £8.9 million to £9.8 million, but provisions for losses fell from £4.2 million to £2.5 million.

Council picks Caspian

CASPIAN, the owner of Leeds United Football Club, has been selected by Leeds City Council as the preferred developer of the Leeds Arena in the vacant space next to Elland Road, the home of Leeds United. The complex will seat 13,000 people and will be used for events such as ice hockey, basketball and rock concerts. Caspian is also redeveloping the West Stand of Elland Road, which is also owned by the city council, to increase the ground's capacity to 45,000.

Confident Silk soars

SHARES in Silk Industries soared from 68½p to 100½p after the textiles group reported an 11.8 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £2.63 million and made an upbeat statement on prospects. Sales rose 12.3 per cent to £16.3 million and earnings per share went up 13.9 per cent to 15.6p. The total dividend for the year rose from 6p to 7p after payment of a 5p second interim dividend. Silk says: "We are now on the eve of marketing a wider range of products." Market report, page 32

RM advances 27%

RM, the software and services supplier, raised pre-tax profits 27 per cent, to £1.68 million, in the half year to March 31 on sales up 8 per cent, to £49 million. Earnings per share rose 26 per cent, to 6.3p. The half-year dividend rises from 1.8p to 2.3p. The shares rose 5p, to 820p. Mike Fischer, chief executive, said: "Despite challenging market conditions, RM achieved good profits growth during the six months and continued to gain new customers in its core schools market."

Greenway slips back

SHARES in Greenway Holdings, the waste oil recycling company, fell 12½p to 47½p after the company revealed a fall in pre-tax profits from £750,000 to £158,000 for the year to March 31. Sales rose from £11.9 million to £12.9 million, but prolonged weakness in sales to power generators was not resolved until November. The final dividend is to be maintained at 1.5p, making an unchanged total of 2p. Earnings per share fell from 2.58p to 0.87p.

Broadcaster in talks on set-top boxes

BRITISH Interactive Broadcasting (BIB) confirmed yesterday that it is in talks to provide interactive services to British Digital Broadcasting, the digital terrestrial TV company owned by Carlton, Granada and BSkyB, which is 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of The Times.

BIB, whose owners include British Telecom and BSkyB, would ensure that the set-top boxes to be ordered by British Digital Broadcasting would be fully interactive. BIB said earlier this month that it will provide the same services to BSkyB, which plans to launch its 200-channel digital broadcasting system next spring.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.22	2.05
Austria Sch	20.57	19.03
Belgium Fr	60.69	55.95
Canada $	2.363	2.187
Cyprus Cyp£	0.870	0.808
Denmark Kr	11.18	10.35
Finland Mkk	8.92	8.22
France Fr	9.89	8.11
Germany Dm	2.84	2.72
Greece Dr	470	439
Hong Kong $	13.40	12.27
Iceland	127	107
Ireland Pt	1.12	1.04
Israel Shk	5.83	5.18
Italy Lira	2993	2682
Japan Yen	204.50	188.00
Malta	0.658	0.602
Netherlds Gld	3.319	3.041
New Zealand $	2.52	2.29
Norway Kr	12.14	11.26
Portugal Esc	293.00	272.00
S Africa Rd	8.00	7.09
Spain Pta	246.50	228.00
Sweden Kr	13.30	12.27
Switzerland Fr	2.47	2.27
Turkey Lira	235516	216967
USA $	1.735	1.601

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Taylor-made for the job

COMMENTARY

by our City Editor

Securing the services of Martin Taylor would be regarded as a coup by most major businesses in search of a non-executive director, so the new Government is understandably proud of having signed up the youthful Barclays chief executive.

Taylor is a strategic thinker who, when not plotting the future of the textile industry or structure of international banking, has, no doubt, been pondering the inequities and inefficiencies of the country's tax and benefit system.

As he probes more deeply into its workings and inconsistencies, he will surely be tempted to remark that he would not choose to start from here. He can be expected to ask the right questions. At Barclays, he has been known to query what it is that customers might want from the bank, an attitude which has played some part in transforming it from its dire dive into the red before he joined the board to profits of £2.4 billion last year. He has not been squeamish about declaring redundancies en route to that improvement: a fair few former Barclays employees probably count as social security claimants today.

Given the right remit, and commitment from the Government, Taylor could have a real impact on this core area of tax gathering and public expenditure. He is not the sort of chap to take on the task without guarantees that his appointment is more than mere scalp gathering.

Certainly yesterday brought much trumpeting of the Government's enthusiasm for working in partnership with business. Plucking Sir David Simon from BP to become a minister was an impressive move and there are more to follow. Lord Hollick, the chief executive of United News, is to put in a couple of days a week working with Margaret Beckett, the *President of the Board of* Trade.

But there are some businessmen regarding New Labour's appreciativeness with some scepticism. Alastair Ross Goobey was summarily sacked as head of the Private Finance Initiative Panel after a year of intense effort trying to turn a government brain wave into a workable option. The new minister, Geoffrey Robinson, did not even feel it was worth discussing his ideas with Ross Goobey before giving him his marching orders.

Lord MacLaurin, the retiring Tesco chairman, was similarly left in little doubt that his presence was no longer required as head of the Sports Council. Newly installed minister, Tony Banks, made it clear that the man who had transformed the grocery business and is aiming to work similar miracles with English cricket, was not the sort of chap he wanted around.

Both Ross Goobey and Mac*Laurin have one thing in com*mon: their allegiance to the Tory party. Martin Taylor, unlike Sir Iain Vallance, is maintaining silence over the way he cast his vote on polling day. But it would be a shame if New Labour's enthusiasm for a partnership with business was as narrow minded as some might be tempted to conclude.

Boardroom tried and laboratory-tested

Sir Richard Sykes officially assumed the chairmanship of Glaxo Wellcome at yesterday's annual meeting, braving potential tirades from the advocates of boardroom political correctness by combining the role with that of chief executive.

But Sir Richard is not alone in assuming the dual status. Sir Richard Greenbury will today reveal the success that results from his intense grip on the *rudder at Marks & Spencer.* Company structures need to have the flexibility to make the most of the talents available. Both Sir Richards have an in-depth knowledge of their business coupled with strong vision as to how they wish to develop the organisation. What they need most in their boardrooms is a combination of non-executives who can bring an external perspective to bear, and executives with the courage to occasionally challenge their bosses.

Arbitrarily insisting that the two senior jobs should be split would not improve the workings of either M&S or Glaxo. But while Glaxo shareholders appeared happy with Sykes's promotion, they may not have realised quite how well qualified for the role he is.

As of last week, and his election as a Fellow of the Royal Society, he is the one chairman of a Footsie company able to boast of such scientific credentials. And *just to underline the fact that the* chap running one of the world's largest drug companies does know what is going on in the laboratories, he took time last Thursday to deliver a lecture to the Royal College of Physicians. It was entitled "The New Genetics: A Universal Panacea or Pandora's Box", and apparently was understood by the audience if not by financial journalists. Its conclusion, not entirely surprisingly, was that the new genetics are A Good Thing.

They should certainly help Glaxo Wellcome to continue to deliver new products, the life blood of a business which can see its best ideas copied to make other people profits. But while yesterday saw the company having to admit that the strong pound would dent its profits, the tumbling sales of Zantac are no longer considered to be potentially devastating. Instead, there is a raft of new drugs coming on, aimed at coping with everything from migraine to flu.

Sir Richard has made the transfer from laboratory to boardroom painlessly, but the legacy of his early days in a white coat is showing as clearly as Sir Richard Greenbury's time on the shop floor.

Kalms short circuits the competition

Dixons believes in playing commercial hard ball. The company has never made any secret of the fact that it likes to win in the market place and that is how it should be. But chairman Sir Stanley Kalms became nearly apoplectic when he thought that his electrical stores were facing unfair competition from the regional electricity boards. He shrieked that their retail operations were being subsidised by their core electricity services and called foul.

Now we see a fascinating glimpse of Dixon's own business tactics. The company's efforts to persuade landlords that they should effectively guarantee it exclusive rights to sell a range of products within a retail park have attracted the attention of the Office of Fair Trading.

It is natural for an organisation to wish to secure for itself the best possible terms when it signs a lease. But it can hardly be said to be in the best interests of consumers for a business to rule out any competition. Dixons will contend that landlords are not forced to agree to such terms. The firm may even try a line about encouraging a decent mix of shops being for the benefit of the public. That somehow sounds about as convincing as a spotty Dixons employee trying to sell a five-year warranty.

It was unclear under the last Government quite what constituted anti-competitive practices and we have yet to learn what the definition may be under this one. But if the OFT looks at Dixon's negotiating tactics with landlords, it may not be very impressed.

Suspicious minds

☐ SUSPICIONS about the motives of those behind some AIM launches has prompted changes in the listing rules. Now we are to be told the identity of any investor with more than £10,000 at stake in an AIM entrant. The Stock Exchange is becoming more sceptical than the Takeover Panel, with its continued wide-eyed insistence that friends of David Abell might buy shares in Thomas Jourdan just because they believe in the trouser press.

Greenalls counters slow trade

By Adam Jones

GREENALLS, the pubs and leisure group, announced a 12 per cent increase in interim profits yesterday, despite subdued trading in its North West of England heartland.

Turnover rose to £554.8 million (£527.6 million) in the six months, producing pre-tax profits of £63.9 million (£57 million) before exceptionals. The figure was in the middle of the range of analysts' predictions. Profit after exceptionals was £57.8 million.

Lord Daresbury, chief executive, said difficult trading conditions in managed pubs in the North West may have been caused by the strong pound hitting the region's manufacturing businesses.

Andrew Thomas, chairman, said satisfactory progress in group results was expected over the full year.

In March, Greenalls announced it was restructuring its pubs division, with 245 managed pubs changing to tenanted status.

The company is continuing this policy of focusing on capital-intensive city centre venues. Themed sites will be the major recipients of £90 million capital expenditure for pubs this year, rising to £100 million next year.

The total capital expenditure for 1997 will be £175 million. This includes £9 million for leisure and hotel facilities at The Belfry golf course, which hosts the 2001 Ryder Cup. The improvements include an extra five holes on the course. Overall capital expenditure will rise to £200 million in 1998.

Operating profit at De Vere Hotels rose 19.4 per cent to £12.7 million. Occupancy improved marginally to 70 per cent and achieved room rates were 16 per cent higher at £62.

De Vere's three remaining three-star hotels and the four-star De Vere Coventry will be sold. Greenalls franchised pubs and wholesaling business improved operating profit to £24.3 million (£21.6 million). An interim dividend of 6.7p (6.22p) is proposed on July 4.

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Bowthorpe buys in Hawaii

By Oliver August

BOWTHORPE made its biggest acquisition yesterday as part of a strategic review that will put greater emphasis on state-of-the-art telecoms.

The electronic equipment group paid £50 million for Adtech of Hawaii, which is described as a leading manufacturer of test equipment for high-speed automatic teller machine (ATM) technology that can transmit voice, video and computer data simultaneously.

Nick Brookes, Bowthorpe chief executive, said: "ATM is the only technology that can do this. The acquisition will be earnings positive right from the beginning. The sector is growing by 30 to 40 per cent a year."

Adtech's audited net assets last year were $8.4 million, with pre-tax profits at $5.2 million. The £50 million cash payment includes a £17 million growth-linked bonus.

Bowthorpe is currently reducing the number of its divisions from 12 to five.

Daily Mail offers bond buyback

By Eric Reguly

DAILY MAIL and General Trust, the newspaper group, yesterday offered to buy back the £47.9 million in outstanding bonds that are exchangeable into shares of Reuters.

The Daily Mail would then issue a new series of bonds that are also exchangeable into Reuters shares. The refinancing was partly designed to defer the taxable gain that would have been triggered by the exchange of the old series, which carried a 5¾ per cent coupon and were due in 2003.

The Daily Mail owns 24 million Reuters shares, of which ten million were set aside for the 5¾ per cent exchangeable bonds. The company said that the new bonds "will enable Daily Mail to benefit from the future growth of those shares released by the purchase of the 5¾ per cent exchangeable bonds."

Reuters shares closed at 663½p, down 9p, valuing the Daily Mail's stake at almost £160 million.

Chelsea buys agents to take fans on holiday

CHELSEA VILLAGE, owner of Chelsea Football Club, has celebrated the team's FA Cup win by giving the televison rights to its Cup Winners' Cup matches to Channel Five and buying two travel agents for £2.3 million (Fraser Nelson writes). The company, which will open a hotel and four restaurants in its grounds in December, plans to use the agencies as the final piece in a marketing plan designed to take supporters overseas for a complete Chelsea holiday.

Alan Shaw, company secretary, said: "This fits rather nicely into what we are doing already. We will be able to offer packages to our supporters, including flights."

He added that the company also hopes to draw on the patronage of its 250,000 fans, who may wish to book their main holidays through the travel agents, in which it will hold an 80 per cent stake.

The shares fell 10p to 116p, after 402.00 shares were released into the market at 120p on behalf of the Swan Management (formerly Rysaffe) offshore fund, thought to have a 25 per cent stake.

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STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

Barclays shares end run as brokers turn cautious

THE recent breathtaking rise of *Barclays Bank's* share price has come to an abrupt halt. The price fell 40½p from *its all-time high yesterday to* close at £12.44½ as one of its most loyal supporters became *more cautious.*

Dresdner Kleinwort Benson has downgraded its recom*mendation from a* "buy" to a "hold". Barclays had previously been described as one of its "plays for 1997". But other brokers say the share price has started to run ahead of events, a view that will no doubt be echoed by marketmakers short of stock.

Sentiment towards Barclays *has also been dented* by reports that BZW, the biggest securities house in the City, *has been given* 18 months to sharpen up. There had been speculation that BZW would be demerged or even sold to the highest bidder.

Share prices generally suffered a late reaction to Friday's 138-point sell-off in the Dow Jones industrial average. The FT-SE 100 index closed 48.7 down at 4,645.2 after 13 consecutive days of gains. Selling pressure was light because of *the closure of most of Europe's* financial markets for a traditional bank holiday and this *was reflected in turnover, with* a lowly 633 million shares changing hands.

A subdued *start to trading* on Wall Street ahead of the Federal Reserve Open Market committee meeting served to accelerate the falls towards the close, with brokers in London reporting heavy selling of the financial future. Brokers remain divided on the prospect for a rise in US rates.

The City speculators were up and running again in **MEPC** as the price touched 508½p on weekend reports that **British Land** was poised to launch a £2.2 billion offer. MEPC was being chased sharply higher earlier this month on whispers in the *Square Mile that* **Hammerson**, its rival, was under institutional sharehold*er pressure to make a bid.* Previous bid talks between the two companies broke down. MEPC closed 1p lighter at 497p, while British Land responded with a loss of 14p at 583½p. Hammerson was 2½p firmer at 447½p.

Glaxo Wellcome tumbled 31½p to £12.51½ after becoming the latest casualty of a strong pound. Sir Colin Corness, chairman, told shareholders at the annual meeting that the group had made a good start to 1997. Sales in the four months to May were 10 per cent higher at £2.75 billion, but the strength of sterling would cut earnings by 5 per cent.

David Tooth of Silk Industries, whose shares jumped 35p

Other pharmaceutical companies moved lower in sympathy. **Zeneca** fell 42p to £19.26½. **SmithKline Beecham** 34½p to £10.19. **Scotia Holdings** 12½p to 417½p, and **British Biotech** 3p to 267½p. **Cortecs International** dropped 22½p to 211p after last week's update of trials into its treatment for osteoporosis. Talk of a bid was dismissed.

The red card was shown to **Chelsea Village** after the its victory over Middlesborough in the FA Cup Final at the weekend, with the shares los*ing 10p at 116p. This follows* reports that the late Matthew *Harding's 20 per cent stake in* the company will be sold in the market-place. Swan Manage*ment, the group's biggest* shareholder which has always supported Ken Bates, chair*man, sold 402,000 shares at* 120p. It still owns 51 million, or 32.68 per cent.

The departure of Eric Cantona saw **Manchester United** touch 620p before ending the session 6p lower at 628p. Meanwhile, **Hearts of Midlothian** achieved a modest premium after becoming the first Scottish club to achieve a full stock market listing. Placed at 140p, the *price touched* a peak of 147½p before settling at 141½p, a premium of 1½p.

Talk of a demerger of the various businesses that make up **Harrison & Crosfield** saw the shares rally 7p at 111p.

Laura Ashley slipped 2p to 102p as Kleinwort trimmed its profit forecast for next year by around £1 million to £17.5 million and for 1999 by a similar amount to £22.5 million.

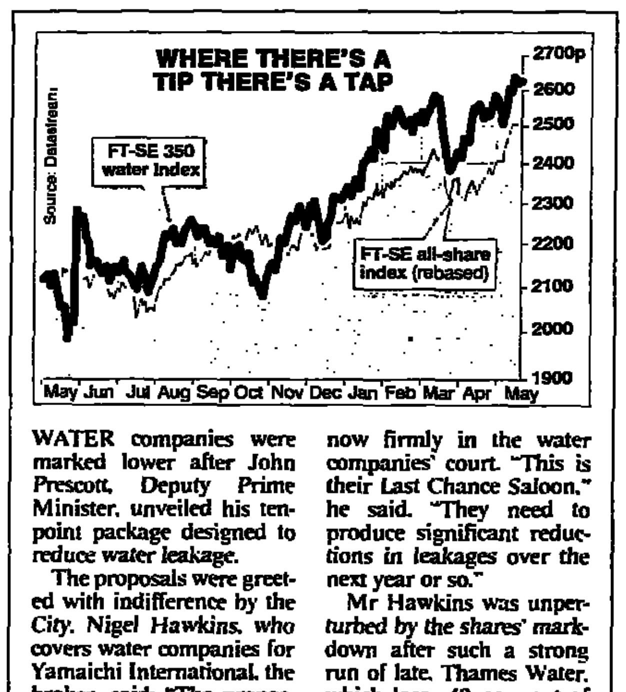
One of the best moves of the day was seen in **Silk Industries**, *where David Tooth is* managing director. The price rallied from recent weakness *to close 35p higher at 103½p.* This follows a near 12 per cent rise in pre-tax profits last year *to £2.63 million and some* optimistic comments on current trading from Christopher Norland, chairman.

Cattles finished 2½p easier at 311p after selling its remaining 22.8 per cent stake in **Roseby**, down 2½p at 297½p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Turnover dropped sharply as many European buyers slipped away to enjoy the bank holiday, leaving prices to drift throughout the day. Brokers were anxious ahead of today's FOMC meeting.

In futures the June series of the long gilt finished £1 11/32 lower at £113 7/16. A total of 41,000 contracts were completed. Among conventional issues Treasury 8 per cent 2015 *shed £3/8 at £108 17/32, while at* the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was off £3/16 at £103 3/8.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Shares opened slightly higher before *moving lower ahead of today's* FOMC meeting, which could change short-term interest rates or let them stand. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 5.77 points lower at 7,188.90.



WATER companies were marked lower after John Prescott, Deputy Prime Minister, unveiled his ten-point package designed to reduce water leakage.

The proposals were greeted with indifference by the *City. Nigel Hawkins, who* covers water companies for Yamaichi International, the broker, said: "The proposals are long on words but short on actual detail. There is insufficient information about the water companies coughing up substantial amounts of money."

However, Mr Hawkins conceded that the ball was now firmly in the water companies' court. "This is their Last Chance Saloon," he said. "They need to produce significant reduc*tions in leakages over the* next year or so."

Mr Hawkins was unper*turbed by the shares' mark*down after such a strong run of late. Thames Water, *which loses 40 per cent of* supplies through leakage, closed down 9p, at 673p. Anglian fell 6½p to 692p. Hyder 16p to 837½p. Severn Trent 11p to 780p. United Utilities 12p to 666½p. South West Water 9½p to 696p, and Yorkshire 6p to 366½p.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 7188.90 (-5.77)
S&P Composite .... 830.21 (-0.46)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .... 20489.75 (+165.02)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 14108.82 (+46.45)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... *Closed*

Sydney:
AO .... 2531.0 (-7.1)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... Closed

Singapore:
Straits .... 2050.94 (-9.56)

Brussels:
General .... Closed

Paris:
CAC-40 .... Closed

Zurich:
SKA Gen .... Closed

London:
FT 30 .... 2978.3 (-36.0)
FTSE 100 .... 4645.2 (-48.7)
FTSE 250 .... 4510.4 (-15.3)
FTSE 350 .... 2251.5 (-20.6)
FTSE Eurotrack 100 .... 2342.61 (-9.64)
FTSE All-Share .... 2211.91 (-19.07)
FTSE Non Financials .... 2223.80 (-20.34)
FTSE Fixed Interest .... 120.97 (-0.56)
FTSE Govt Secs .... 96.60 (-0.28)
Bargains 49821
SEAQ Volume 633.6m
US$ .... 1.6387 (+0.0012)
German Mark .... 2.7981 (+0.0240)
Exchange Index .... 99.2 (-0.4)
Bank of England official close (4pm)
£:ECU .... n/a
£:SDR 1.1776
RPI .... 156.3 Apr (2.4%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX .... 155.8 Apr (2.5%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Alliance & Leicester	608	- 4½
Aston Villa	890	- 15
Cable & Wireless	276½	- 5½
Caradon B	97½	...
Comino	*147½*	...
Donatantonio	86½	- ½
Downing Hlth (100)	100	...
Drgns Hlth Clubs	147½	+ 10
Heart of Midlothian	141½	...
ITG Group	160	...
Integrated As Mgt	105	...
Lady In Leisure	*122½*	...
Longbridge Intl	117½	...
Mrtn Currie I&G Cap	91½	...
Mrtn Currie I&G Inc	98	...
NMT (50)	49	...
Newmark Tech	13½	- ¼
Partners Hldgs	172½	...
Pennine AIM (100)	*100*	...
Petra Diamonds	67½	- 2½
Petra Diamonds Wts	41½	- 2½
Qualceram (143)	155½	...
Salehurst	122½	...
Soccer Investments	108½	+ 2
Versalite Group	4	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Barlows n/p (525)	1	...
Bolton Gp (Intl) n/p (8)	½	...
Enterprise n/p (196)	*53*	...
Oxford Miclr (360)	22½	...
Rackwood Mnrl (50)	1¼	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Diagonal .... 373p (+18p)
Waste Mgt Intl .... 270p (+13p)
Irish Cont .... 720p (+20p)
Premier Farnell .... 484p (+12½p)
Broken Hill .... 899p (+15p)

FALLS:
Cortecs .... 211½p (-22p)
Carlton Comm .... 507p (-17½p)
Chiroscience .... 296½p (-10p)
Br Airways .... 736p (-24p)
Boots .... 707½p (-21p)
Br Land .... 583½p (-14p)
Kingfisher .... 707p (-16½p)
Cadbury-Schw .... 532½p (-11p)
Royal & Sun Al .... 498½p (-10p)

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TEMPUS

Flight of fancy

WOULD you buy financial services from an airline? BA is pursuing the fashionable route of other service providers who reckon their brand will survive the next public relations disaster. *Not content* to sell a ticket to Frankfurt and a half litre of J&B, the airline reckons its executive club members are ready for the hard sell. You can now buy travel insurance and a Pep from BA: no doubt travellers cheques and foreign currency will follow.

To make this strategy credible, the BA financial structure needs to be transformed from a volatile business with huge capital *commitments* to one with a myriad of relatively stable income streams. Hence, the "virtual airline", BA is shedding its investment in non-core businesses. Handling baggage and making in-flight meals will be quickly shed and, sooner or later, the capital-hungry business of owning and flying planes, too, will be transferred to a third party.

This is not madness (who would have thought that M&S would give up its internal distribution). BA might well say that anyone can fly planes but its real skill is making money from flying planes — managing the yield, *in the* industry jargon. *However, the* question is whether BA's brand can be used to sell much more than just tickets.

What added value does an airline brand provide? Most of BA's high-net-worth business customers are overprovided with financial services. The BA brand is more likely to appeal to economy passengers, but it is difficult to see how an airline can attain the image of reliability and safety of a Marks & Spencer or Sainsbury. We like our banks with their feet on the ground.

Greenalls

THE strong pound has been a useful scapegoat during the current company report*ing season.* Yesterday, *it* was blamed for people not drinking enough.

Greenalls came up with reasonable interim figures — pre-tax profits were up by 12 *per cent before exceptionals* — but the pub and leisure operator said that consumption in its heartland area of the North West of England was flat.

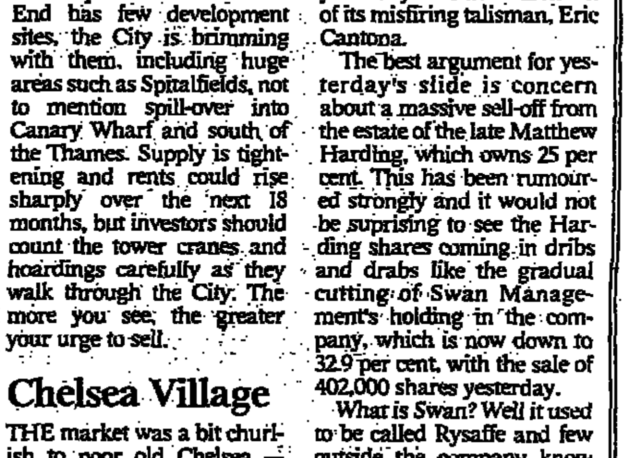
Lord Daresbury, chief executive, mused that the disappointing top-line growth *might* have something to do with sterling's strength affecting the manufacturers who pay the wages of his customers.

The consumer recovery, which has caused a rash of shiny theme pubs to spring up in the South of England, has not yet been mirrored across the whole country.

However, in March, Greenalls shunted 245 of its more obscure managed pubs into tenanted operation. The group is spending heavily on refurbishment, *following* the fashion to transport drinkers to Ireland, Australia or a thou*sand other themed fantasies* before they pass out on a stripped-pine floor.

However, with operators choosing to locate on top of each other in crowded city centres, the returns on these ventures are far from certain.

Rising rents, depreciation and the minimum wage will begin to erode profits in this sector, and Greenalls shares *should be avoided.*



Property

SIGNS that American bankers are in expansive mode ought to be warning enough that the market is peaking. But which market? The commercial property market in London is looking hot but, as ever with bricks and mortar, the pressure points are distinct and local.

Rents are rising in the City of London, but have yet to reach the levels of the West End. Yesterday's relaunch of the NatWest Tower as the International Financial Centre ought to have removed any illusion that this is a landlord's market. NatWest is asking for top rents of £45 per square foot but in return the bank is prepared to consider *leases of less than a year and* some of the building will be kitted out as serviced office *suites for novice businesses:* not what institutional investors call a blue-chip covenant.

This is not a bad strategy — NatWest is moving towards the American mode of property development, where 15-year leases are almost un*heard of because tenants will* not agree to such commitments. This reflects the reality of the City property landscape. While the West End has few development sites, the City is brimming with them, including huge areas such as Spitalfields, not to mention spill-over into Canary Wharf and south of the Thames. Supply is tightening and rents could rise sharply over the next 18 months, but investors should count the tower cranes and *hoardings* carefully as they walk through the City. The more you see, the greater your urge to sell.

Chelsea Village

THE market was a bit churlish to poor old Chelsea — *news of the team's success* caused the share price of Chelsea Village to fall 10p to 116p.

Why should this be? After all, what the sector has shown in its short life is an almost kneejerk reaction to *news — including the results* of games — as was shown by the 1 per cent fall in *Manchester United shares* yesterday after the retirement of its misfiring talisman, Eric Cantona.

The best argument for yesterday's slide is concern about a massive sell-off from the estate of the late Matthew Harding, which owns 25 per cent. This has been rumoured strongly and it would not be suprising to see the Harding shares coming in dribs and drabs like the gradual cutting of Swan Management's holding in the company, which is now down to 32.9 per cent, with the sale of 402,000 shares yesterday.

What is Swan? Well it used to be called Rysaffe and few outside the company know *who it is. This secrecy is a* good reason why serious investors should avoid Chelsea Village.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

May	1003-992	Jul	1064-1060
Jul	1017-1016	Sep	1074-1070
Sep	1036-1035	Dec	1084-1080
Dec	1032-1030	Mar	1097-1095
Mar	1041-1039		
May	1053-1049		Volume: 1443

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	2085 SLR	Jan	2135 SLR
Jul	2100 SLR	Mar	2130 SLR
Sep	2130-2125	May	2130 SLR
Nov	2155 SLR		Volume: 5690

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	306.0-04.9
Spot: 323.5		May	310.0-03.9
Aug	319.5-18.2	Aug	304.9-03.6
Oct	308.2-07.8	Oct	301.0-08.5
Dec	306.2-05.3		Volume: 457

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Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 16

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	105.22	136.05	99.94
(+/-)	-1.99	-10.46	+0.31
Eng/Wales	105.22	136.34	99.89
(+/-)	-1.99	-10.06	+0.54
(%)	+1.0	+21.0	+0.0
Scotland	unq	129.34	99.42
(+/-)		-0.54	-1.65
(%)		+0.9	+11.9

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CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	19.95	+0.50
Brent 15 day (Jul)	20.15	+0.45
Brent 15 day (Aug)	20.15	+0.45
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	21.95	+0.45
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	21.80	+0.30

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	209 (+5)	211 (+5)
Gasoil EEC	157 (+5)	181 (+4)
3.5 Fuel Oil	81 (n/c)	83 (n/c)
Naphtha	195 (+3)	187 (+5)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Jun	177.50-77.75	Sep	182.50-82.75
Jul	179.25-79.50	Oct	n/a
Aug	180.75-81.00		Vol 12161

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jul	20.14-20.16	Oct	n/a
Aug	20.14 BID	Nov	19.99-20.00
Sep	20.12 BID		Vol 22423

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

LIFFE WHEAT (close £/t)		LIFFE BARLEY (close £/t)	
May	97.50	May	96.30
Jul	99.00	Sep	88.00
Sep	90.40	Nov	90.00
Nov	92.40	Jan	92.00
Jan	94.40	Mar	94.00
Volume: 479		Volume: 61	

LIFFE POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Jun	unq	30.0
Nov		58.0
Mar		67.0
		Volume: 65

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Jun 73.75-74.25

LIFFE BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
May 97	1300	1300	1301
Jun 97	1250	1250	1250
Jul 97	1170	1170	1170
Oct 97	—	—	1175
Vol: 22 lots		Open interest: 2574	

Index 1244 +1

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2547.0-2548.0	2471.0-2472.0	Vol: 211582
Lead ($/tonne)	613.0-613.50	625.50-625.70	14636
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	*1319.0-1320.0*	1340.5-1341.5	56377
Tin ($/tonne)	5695.0-5700.0	5740.5-5745.0	15795
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1643.0-1644.0	1658.0-1659.0	232200
Nickel ($/tonne)	7771.0-7772.0	7880.0-7905.0	110576

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
All'd Dom	420	34½	46	53	6	11	20½
(*444½)	460	12½	24	31	24	29	40
ASDA	110	11½	13½	15½	1½	4	6
(*119)	120	4½	7½	10	5	8	9
Boots	700	24	37	46	21½	29½	36
(*706)	750	5½	17	25½	57	61	66
Br Airways	700	43½	60	72½	12½	21	26
(*736)	750	17	35	46½	37	45	56
BP	700	38	53	64½	12	22	27½
(*719½)	750	14½	29	41	39½	49	54
Br Steel	140	11	12½	14½	4½	7	10
(*149½)	160	2	4	6½	20	21	23
C & W	500	19	27½	36	21½	30½	36
(*502½)	550	5	17	26½	58	63	68
CU	700	55	77	94½	18	42	49
(*732½)	750	27	54	69½	40½	67	74
ICI	750	47	61	77	10½	22	28
(*781½)	800	19	34	50½	31	46	52
Land Sec	950	26	43	54½	21	27	36
(*949)	1000	6	20½	41½	55	58	68
M & S	500	19	31½	39½	15	22	25
(*510)	550	4	12	19½	50	53	55½
Nat West	750	64½	77	95	9	25½	33½
(*799)	800	33	49	68	27½	50½	56
Safeway	380	30	35½	42½	6	10	14
(*408)	390	10½	19	27	20	24	29
Sainsbury	360	18	28	35	8	13	15
(*366½)	390	6	14	21	26	29	31
Shell	1150	39½	67½	85	27	47	61
(*1151)	1200	19	44	62	57	75½	90
SmKl Bch	1000	54½	86	107	29	42	55
(*1019½)	1050	30	60	81	46	67	79
Storehse	300	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	330	—	—	—	—	—	—
Trafalgar	50	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	60	—	—	—	—	—	—
Zeneca	1900	90	147½	190	52	84	101
(*1926½)	2000	56½	99	152	109	126	151

	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
BAT Ind	550	35½	44	62	18	34	42
(*562)	600	15	27	40½	40	60	71
Vodafone	260	19½	27½	34	7	11	15½
(*272½)	280	9	18	24	16½	21½	25½

	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Grnd Met	550	11½	31½	42½	2	22	27
(*560)	600	0	12½	20	40	52½	56
Ladbroke	240	5	16½	23	1	9	12½
(*244½)	260	½	7	14	15½	20	23
Utd Bisc	220	5	16½	20	1	6½	12
(*225)	240	½	7½	11	15	18	24

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
BAA	500	36½	47	56	4½	14	16½
(*532½)	550	9	20	30½	34	38	40½
Thames W	650	36½	46	57	26	33	41½
(*652)	700	13	25	32	57½	62	71

	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BTR	220	4	14½	21	2	11	16½
(*222½)	240	0	7	11½	19½	22½	29½
Br Aerosp	1250	10½	64	87½	[illegible]	41	59
(*1251)	1300	0	41	61½	45½	66	84
Br Telecom	420	35	48	41	2	13	16
(*456)	460	1	16	26½	10½	35½	38½
Cadbury	500	32	49½	56	0	7	14½
(*532½)	550	1	19	27	17	29	35
Guinness	450	12½	35	46	1	19½	23
(*460½)	460	0	13	22	34½	48	50
GEC	330	19	26	41	0½	9½	13
(*348½)	360	0½	9	16	11½	25	29½
Hanson	300	24½	34½	40	0	6	11
(*324½)	330	1	17	24	8	16	24
LASMO	230	6	19	25	1	10½	13½
(*234)	260	0	10½	16½	16	22	24
Lucas Varity	200	2	12	15	3	10½	14
(*200)	220	0	6	—	20	24	27
Pilkington	113	6	12	—	0½	5	—
(*115)	121	1	6	—	5	11½	—
Prudential	650	13	44	56	1	22	31
(*663)	700	0	20½	33	36½	51	60
Redland	300	25	36	44½	0	5½	11
(*325)	330	1	19	27½	6	17½	24
P Power	280	8	33	26	1	9	13
(*284)	290	0	10	16½	12	19½	22
Tesco	300	4	21½	29	2½	14½	27
(*302)	330	0	9	16	28	32	37
Williams	330	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	360	—	—	—	—	—	—

FTSE INDEX (*4644½)

	4500	4550	4600	4650	4700	4750
Calls						
Jun	193	145	109	78	51½	31
Jul	220	191½	146½	113½	85	62
Aug	271	191	158½	127	102½	79
Sep	262	226½	196	164	137½	117
Dec	334	—	257½	—	208	—
Puts						
Jun	26½	37	51	71	97	129
Jul	40	56	72	91½	119	144½
Aug	62	74	91	109½	135	162½
Sep	79	96	112	130	154½	180
Dec	119	—	144	—	180	—

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Abbey Nat	950	72	74	101	34	57	64
(*959½)	1000	30	54	74	61	90	99
AmStrad	140	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	160	—	—	—	—	—	—
Barclays	1200	81	116	141	25	50½	64
(*1246)	1250	54	94	115	47	74	87
Natl Pwr	550	38	38	42	27	32	36
(*562½)	600	10	14	22	55	63	67

	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Glaxo Well	1200	81½	122	133	22½	42	57
(*1260½)	1250	50½	74	106	43	63	77
HSBC	1700	141	177	220	52	96	—
(*1707½)	1800	92	120	170	54	99	125
Reuter	650	37½	54½	72½	14	30	37
(*665½)	700	15	31	43	40	57	63
Royal & Sun	460	29	51	56	6	15	20
(*486½)	500	15	28	38	22	32	35

	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Blue Circ	390	20	35	41	0	6	12
(*409½)	420	1	14	25	11	22	25

	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Kingfisher	700	9	48	62	3	25	42
(*707)	750	0	17	29	41	65	67

	Series	Jun			Jun		
Br Gas	240	22	—	—	2	—	—
(*259½)	260	9	—	—	9	—	—

	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Dixons	480	40	57	61	4	14	19
(*490)	500	17	27	38	15	31	36
EMI Group	1200	67	90	115	17	39	57
(*1235)	1250	39	61	82	37	[illegible]	78
Tarmac	120	9½	14	16	1	4	6
(*127½)	130	1	8	11	5	—	—
Hillsdown	160	18	22	—	—	—	—
(*177)	180	—	—	—	5	4	—
Lonrho	140	6	9	—	—	—	—
(*143)	160	0	3	6	22	22	23
Sears	90	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	100	—	—	—	—	—	—
Thorn EMI (Sub)		—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	1600						
Tomkins	260	10	22	27	2	6	10½
(*276)	280	½	11½	16	9	18	27
Lloyds TSB	600	26	49½	62	2½	22	25
(*615)	650	2	25	38	41	54	61½
Scot Pwr	300	28	35	38	1	13	15
(*320)	330	1	14	20	15	29	32
Unilever	1600	92	138	158	2	21	39
(*1670)	1700	25	66	96	30	56	71

May 19, 1997 Tot: 23149 Call: 10541
Put: 12666 FTSE Call: 1232 Put: [illegible]
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 233508	Jun 97	113-24	113-26	113-11	113-14	41937
	Sep 97	114-01	114-02	113-27	113-23	2262
German Govt Bond (Bund) Previous open interest: 241759	Jun 97	101.75	101.95	101.52	101.54	65729
	Sep 97	100.78	100.90	100.53	100.53	791
Italian Govt Bond (BTP) Previous open interest: 125343	Jun 97	130.15	131.10	130.11	130.77	61753
	Sep 97	131.04	131.66	131.02	131.37	1778
Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)	Jun 97	124.42	124.56	124.42	124.51	3166
	Sep 97	123.03	123.15	123.03	123.11	1454
Three Mth Sterling	Jun 97	93.47	93.47	93.45	93.46	5547
	Sep 97	93.23	93.23	93.21	93.22	3336
Previous open interest: 578861	Dec 97	93.04	93.06	93.02	93.03	5476
Three Mth Euromark Previous open interest: 1427176	Jun 97	96.80	96.80	96.79	96.79	5529
	Sep 97	96.75	96.75	96.73	96.73	7029
Three Mth Eurolira Previous open interest: 321720	Jun 97	93.33	93.40	93.33	93.39	12846
	Sep 97	93.66	93.73	93.66	93.72	7949
Three Mth Euroyen	Sep 97	99.19	99.19	99.19	99.19	5
	Dec 97	98.97	98.97	98.97	98.97	90
Three Mth Euroswiss Previous open interest: 128391	Jun 97	98.24	98.30	98.24	98.30	2031
	Sep 97	98.22	98.29	98.21	98.29	4174
Three Mth ECU Previous open interest: 32713	Jun 97	95.84	95.87	95.84	95.86	104
	Sep 97	95.84	95.85	95.84	95.85	230
FTSE 100 Previous open interest: 75718	Jun 97	4682.0	4702.0	4644.0	4657.0	8570
	Sep 97	4725.0	4725.0	4692.0	4690.0	22

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¼ Finance Hse 6¾
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 8 Low 6⅛ Week fixed: 6⅛
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6⅛; 3 mth 6⅛ Sell: 2 mth 6⅛; 3 mth: 6⅛.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	
Sterling Money Rates:	6¼-6⅛	6¼-6⅛	6¼-6¼	6½-6⅜	6⅞-6¾
Interbank:	6¼-6⅛	6¼-6⅛	6¼-6¼	6½-6⅜	6⅞-6¾
Overnight: open 6¼, close 7.					
Local Authority Deps:	6¼	n/a	6¼	6½	6¾
Sterling CDs:	6¼-6⅛	6¼-6⅛	6¼-6¼	6½-6⅜	6⅞-6¾
Dollar CDs:	5.68	n/a	5.70	5.87	6.07
Building Society CDs:	6¼-6⅛	6¼-6⅛	6¼-6¼	6½-6⅜	6⅞-6¾

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5½	5¾-5⅝	6-5⅞	5⅝-4½
Deutschemark:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3	3¼-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
French Franc:	3⅛-3	3⅜-3¼	3½-3⅜	3⅝-3½	3⅛-2⅞
Swiss Franc:	1⅝-1½	1⅝-1½	1⅝-1½	1⅝-1½	2⅛-1⅞
Yen:	½-⅜	⅝-½	⅝-½	⅝-½	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: **Open** $343.60-343.90 **Close:** $341.00-341.50 **High:** $343.60-343.90
Low: $339.00-339.50 **AM:** $343.35 **PM:** $340.70

Krugerrand: $340.75-342.75 (£207.75-209.65)

Platinum: $387.30 (£236.25) **Silver:** $4.68 (£2.855) **Palladium:** $170.00 (£103.75)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for May 19	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.1204-3.1446	3.1421-3.1446	½-¼pr	2½-2¼pr
Brussels	57.320-57.771	57.681-57.771	19-14pr	49-42pr
Copenhagen	10.561-10.653	10.645-10.653	½-¼pr	¾-½pr
Dublin	1.0690-1.0775	1.0736-1.0762	5pr-par	14-7pr
Frankfurt	2.7751-2.7984	2.7962-2.7984	¾-½pr	2¼-2pr
Lisbon	279.46-281.76	281.03-281.31	¼-½pr	¼-½pr
Madrid	234.02-235.65	235.39-235.65	0.22-0.13pr	0.75-0.56pr
Milan	2735.0-2744.7	2741.6-2744.7	7-23ds	15-37ds
Montreal	2.2458-2.2530	2.2468-2.2486	0.65-0.60pr	1.24-1.15pr
New York	1.6362-1.6406	1.6382-1.6387	0.10-0.08pr	0.26-0.23pr
Oslo	11.557-11.649	11.636-11.649	¼-½pr	¼-½pr
Paris	9.3580-9.4260	9.4156-9.4212	2½-2¼pr	7½-6¾pr
Stockholm	12.460-12.599	12.575-12.599	¼-½pr	¼-½pr
Tokyo	189.94-190.78	190.27-190.45	1¼-1pr	2¾-2½pr
Vienna	19.530-19.690	19.680-19.696	¾-½pr	1½-1¼pr
Zurich	2.3209-2.3413	2.3393-2.3413	1¼-1pr	2½-2¼pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia 1.2934-1.2943
Austria 12.01-12.02
Belgium (Com) 35.21-35.25
Canada 1.3726-1.3731
Denmark 6.4957-6.4977
France 5.7413-5.7488
Germany 1.7058-1.7063
Hong Kong 7.7388-7.7398
Ireland 1.5236-1.5266
Italy 1672.60-1674.10
Japan 116.23-116.33
Malaysia 2.4970-2.4990
Netherlands 1.9174-1.9184
Norway 7.0979-7.1029
Portugal 171.68-171.73
Singapore 1.4340-1.4350
Spain 143.59-143.64
Sweden 7.6625-7.6675
Switzerland 1.4270-1.4280

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso* 1.6388-1.6415
Australia dollar 2.1203-2.1226
Bahrain dinar 0.6120-0.6240
Brazil real* 1.7446-1.7491
China yuan 13.433-13.733
Cyprus pound 0.8245-0.8345
Finland markka 8.3150-8.4310
Greece drachma 439.0-446.0
Hong Kong dollar 12.6831-12.6925
India rupee 58.21-59.17
Indonesia rupiah 3902.4-4108.2
Kuwait dinar KD 0.4870-0.4970
Malaysia ringgit 4.0923-4.0981
New Zealand dollar 2.3687-2.3719
Pakistan rupee .... 65.55 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal 5.9025-6.0265
Singapore dollar 2.3506-2.3533
S Africa rand (com) 7.2810-7.3930
U A E dirham 5.9575-6.0815
Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

FTSE VOLUMES

3i	1,100	Land Secs	1,400
ASDA Gp	6,200	Legal & Gn	2,400
Abbey Ntl	4,200	*Lloyds TSB*	6,900
Allied Dom	727	LucasVarity	4,700
AB Foods	583	Marks Spr	5,300
BAA	1,600	Mercury Asset	895
BAT Inds	5,000	NatWst Bk	3,700
BG	8,100	Nat Grid	1,400
BOC	2,100	Nat Power	1,400
BP	4,400	Next	774
BSkyB	3,000	Orange	1,000
BTR	9,300	*P & O*	*692*
BT	9,000	Pearson	1,700
Bk of Scot	1,200	PowerGen	4,500
Barclays	2,800	Prudential	10,300
Bass	2,700	RMC	274
Blue Circle	1,300	RTZ	1,800
Boots	4,100	Railtrack	1,800
BAe	972	Rank Group	1,500
BA	4,700	Reckitt Col	682
British Land	1,400	Reed Intl	1,300
Brit Steel	5,800	Rentokil Inl	2,300
Burmah Cstl	2,000	Reuters	5,700
Burton	8,500	Rolls Royce	3,400
Cable Wire	4,100	Royal & Sun	3,500
Cadbury	*2,000*	*Royal Bk Sct*	*979*
Carlton Cms	1,800	Safeway	3,000
Centrica	2,700	Sainsbury	4,700
Cm Union	1,600	Schroders	175
Dixons	2,500	Scot & New	785
EMI	871	Scot Power	2,100
Energy Gp	1,300	Svrn Trent	2,700
Enterpr Oil	1,300	Shell Trans	2,500
GKN	283	Siebe	2,300
GRE	3,400	SmKl Bch	3,100
GUS	1,500	Smith Nph	2,600
Gen Acc	641	Smiths Inds	800
Gen Elec	3,300	Std Chartd	973
Glaxo Well	5,000	TI Gp	665
Granada	1,400	Tate & Lyle	1,300
Grand Met	8,600	Tesco	10,300
Guinness	4,100	Thames W	1,400
HSBC	2,200	Tomkins	5,800
Hanson	1,800	*Unilever*	*7,100*
Hays	899	Utd Utilities	483
ICI	4,700	Utd News	3,200
Imp Tob	858	Vodafone	12,600
Kingfisher	2,300	Whitbread	1,700
LASMO	*1,900*	Wolseley	615
Ladbroke	4,600	Zeneca	1,500

WALL STREET

	May 19 midday	May 16 close
AMP Inc	38½	38¼
AMR Corp	93¾	95¾
AT & T	33¾	33¾
Abbott Labs	65⅞	66⅛
Advanced Micro	41¼	42¼
Aetna Life	95	96¼
Ahmanson (HF)	41½	41½
Air Prod & Chem	74¼	74⅞
AirTouch Comm	25¼	25¼
Albertson's	33⅛	33¼
Alcan Aluminum	35⅞	35¼
Allied Signal	75⅞	76¼
Alum Co of Am	73¼	73½
Amerada Hess	52¼	52¼
Amer Brands	53½	53
Amer El Power	40¾	41
Amer Express	68¼	67¾
Amer Genl Corp	44¼	44¼
Amer Home Pr	73¾	74¼
Amer Intl	131	130¾
Amer Stores	46¼	46¾
Amer Standard	44¼	44¼
Ameritech	64	64¾
Amgen	63¼	64¼
Amoco	86¼	86¾
Andrew Corp	27¼	26¾
Anheuser-Busch	43¼	43
Apple Computer	17¼	17¼
Archer Daniels	19⅛	19¾
Armco	3⅞	3¾
Armstrong Wrld	66¼	66¾
Asarco	31¼	31¼
Atl Richfield	143¼	142¾
Auto Data Pro	48¼	48¼
Avery Dennison	38¼	38¼
Avon Products	60¼	60¾
Baker Hughes	36¼	36¼
Baltim Gas & El	29¼	29¼
Banc One	42¼	41¼
BankAmerica	117	116¼
Bank of NY	40¼	40¼
Bankers Tr NY	81	80¼
Barnett Banks	50	49¾
Bausch & Lomb	40¼	40¾
Baxter Intl	49¼	49¼
Becton Dickinsn	48¼	48¼
Bell Atlantic	69	68¾
Bell Industries	18¼	18¼
BellSouth	44	44
Black & Decker	34¼	34¼
Block (H&R)	32	31¼
Boeing	97¼	98¼
Boise Cascade	35¼	35¼
Boston Scien	48¼	48¼
Bristol Myrs Sq	70¼	70¾
Browning Ferris	31¼	31¼
Brunswick	30¼	30¾
Burlington Nthn	81	80
CMS Energy Corp	33¼	33¼
CNA Financial	100¼	101
CPC Intl	86¼	86
CSX	50¼	50¾
Campbell Soup	47¼	46
Can Pacific	25¼	25¼
Carolina Pwr	34	34¼
Case Corp	61	61¼
Caterpillar	97	98¼
Central & SW	20¼	22¼
Champion Intl	48	48¼
Chase Manhat	93¼	93¼
Chevron Corp	70	70¼
Chrysler	31¼	31¼
Chubb Corp	58¼	58¼
Cigna Corp	170¼	170¼
Citicorp	117¼	117¼
Clorox	122¼	122
Coastal Corp	48¼	48¼
Coca Cola	67¼	66¼
Coca Cola Ent	19¼	19¼
Colgate-Palm	56¼	56
Columbia Gas	64¼	64¼
ColumbiaHCA	36¼	36¼
Compaq Comp	93	94
Comp Ass Intl	53¼	53¼
Conagra	60¼	60¼
Conrail	114¼	114¼
Cons Edison	29	29¼
Cons Nat Gas	51¼	51¼
Cooper Inds	50¼	49¼
CoreStates	51¼	51¼
Corning Inc	49¼	49¼
Crown Cork	58	59¼
Dana Corp	34¼	34¼
Dayton Hudson	47	47¼
Deere	53	53¼
Delta Air Lines	92	93
Deluxe Corp	31¼	32¼
Digital Equip	31¼	32¼
Dillard Dept St	32¼	32¼
Disney (Walt)	81	80¼
Dominion Res	35¼	35¼
Donnelley (RR)	35¼	36
Dover Corp	55¼	55
Dow Chemical	86¼	87¼
Dow Jones	39¼	39¼
Dresser	33	33
Duke Power	45	44¼
Dun & Bradstreet	25¼	25¼
Du Pont	107	107¼
Eastman Chem	53¼	53¼

	May 19 midday	May 16 close
Eastman Kodak	80¼	80
Eaton Corp	79¼	79¼
Edison Intl	22¼	22¼
Elect Data Sys	37¼	39¼
Emerson Elec	51¼	51¼
Engelhard Corp	20¼	20¼
Enron Corp	40¼	40¼
Entergy	25¼	25¼
Ethyl Corp	9¼	9¼
Exxon	58¼	58¼
FMC Corp	68¼	68¼
FPL Group	46½	46¼
Federal Express	53¼	52¼
First Bk Sys	81¼	81¼
Fleet Finl Grp	61	61
Fluor Corp	51¼	51¼
Ford Motor	36¼	36¼
GTE Corp	43¼	43
Gannett	92	91¼
Gap Inc Del	32¼	32¼
Gencorp	19¼	19¼
Gen Dynamics	71¼	71¼
Gen Electric	60¼	60¼
Gen Mills	62¼	62¼
Gen Motors	55¼	55¼
Gen Reinsurance	171¼	172¼
Gen Signal	41¼	41¼
Genuine Parts	33¼	33¼
Georgia Pac	82¼	83
Gillette	87¼	87¼
Glaxo Wellc ADR	41¼	41¼
Goodrich (BF)	40¼	41¼
Goodyear Tire	58¼	55¼
Gt Atl Pac Tea	26¼	26¼
Great Wstn Fin	47¼	47
Halliburton	75	75¼
Harcourt General	45¼	45¼
Heinz (HJ)	41¼	41¼
Hercules	48¼	48
Hershey Foods	55¼	55¼
Hewlett Packard	52¼	52¼
Hilton Hotels	29¼	29¼
Home Depot	59¼	59¼
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Honeywell	72¼	71¼
Household Intl	89¼	89¼
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Rockwell Intl	66¼	66¼
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Salomon Inc	52¼	52¼
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Schlumberger	117	117¼
Seagram	38¼	38¼
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Sysco Corp	33¼	34
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Timken	63¼	62¼
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UST Inc	27¼	27¼
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US Inds	35¼	35¼
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Union Pacific	67	67¼
Unisys Corp	6¼	6¼
USF&G Corp	20¼	20¼
US Life	48	48¼
United Tech	77¼	77¼
Unocal Corp	42¼	42¼
VF Corp	76¼	75¼
WMX Tech	31¼	32
Wal-Mart Stores	30	29¼
Warner-Lambert	100¼	100
Wells Fargo	279¼	279¼
Westinghouse El	17¼	17¼
Weyerhaeuser	48	47¼
Whirlpool	49¼	49¼
Whitman	25¼	25¼
Winn Dixie	36¼	36¼
Woolworth	22¼	22¼
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	57¼	57¼
Xerox	65¼	65¼
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And lo, the guru's word was made fleshy

Martin Waller wonders how the world would manage without so many bibles for businessmen

It is weirdly catching, the jargon and style of business strategy books. To the existing book marketing niches of crime, science fiction, the occult, whatever, there was added a few years ago a new one. Led by Tom Peters, the Stephen King of the genre, there came across the Atlantic a tide of management gurus, consultants, researchers, strategists and lecturers. Each had the Holy Grail of the businessman. There were, of course, any number of Grails floating around, which must cast some doubt on their authenticity. How to be a better manager, how to cope with the changing world, and on and on. The books have crept out of specialist bookshops on to the high street, and thence to the airport stalls.

"People like evangelists," explains Cary Cooper, professor of organisational psychology at UMIST in Manchester. "In the US these kinds of books have been around for a long time. Americans are very into simplistic solutions — how you do it in five easy lessons." Hence the success of the One Minute Manager type, a thriving sub-species, for example.

But who buys these guides and who actually reads them? The books divide into four categories, and give some clues:

☐ How to be a better manager — largely self-help manuals, bought by nervous junior managers, presumably.

☐ How to organise your company better/cope with global change/survive the downwave/-profit from the upwave — bought by nervous senior managers.

☐ How to sell better — for both the above.

☐ The weirdies — futurology, information technology and how it will change your world, and a slew of other heterodoxies.

Recommended: Bruce Tulgan's *Managing Generation X* (Capstone), on how to sell to/get a day's work out of the Slackers, those born between 1963 and 1981. Also, *Pandemonium* by Gibson Burrell (Sage Publications), a truly bizarre and sometimes filthy historial canter through abattoirs, satyriasis and Noel Edmonds' House Party, among other things, towards a theory of organisation. And William Houston's *Through the Whirlwind* (Little Brown), a look at historical cycles in war, disease and economics. The chapter on disease is particularly good.

The second question is how one goes about writing the more mainstream works. A business degree and attachment to a weighty-sounding (American) foundation are probably essential. Likewise a large typeface for easier reading while travelling. In terms of price, think big: never offer much change from £20.

As to content, there are four abiding principles:

☐ Prey on your readers' insecurities: *Only the Paranoid Survive* is one title. "Unless you're prepared, massive changes in the marketplace can erode the company you've built," warns the blurb on another. A good gambit is along the lines of "Half of all marketing/infotech/training spending is wasted. This book shows you how to cut it today." Reader response: "Oh God, is it my half?"

☐ Generalise. Consider this passage, chosen entirely at random: "The traditional definition of management has focused on control and decision-making activities. But more broadly, management's real mission is to assemble the ingredients needed for organisational success." Word count, 29, information content, virtually zero. Or this student bed-sit-style (circa 1974) offering from the fly-leaf of *The Tao of Sales*: "Like water, be fluid and supple; work in harmony with all things, not in opposition; when it's time for power, be a torrent, when it's time for reflection, a deep pool."

☐ Remember that snappy slogan: The 80/20 Principle. The Shadow Pyramid. The Second Curve. The Third Policeman. (Only the first three are real management books.)

And what does the real businessman think? Jonathan Fry is chief executive of Burmah Castrol: "One doesn't want to dismiss the whole lot of management literature as rubbish...what I am very against is this business of fads which sweep through the management world. Currently it's EVA, Economic Value Added, which no one understands but everyone claims to be plugged into. Before, it was TQM, Total Quality Management. I don't read them. I don't read Cosmopolitan either, but I have a view on it."

Lonrho's usual channels shed little light for shareholders

A deal with JCI would not lack complexity, says **Paul Durman**

You have to hand it to Lonrho. Whatever its faults, the company remains a compelling attraction to some of the world's most extraordinary businessmen. Mzi Khumalo looks just the sort of character to follow in the footsteps of the mercurial Tiny Rowland and the mysterious Dieter Bock.

Mr Khumalo spent 12 years as a political prisoner on South Africa's Robben Island, giving him plenty of opportunity to get to know Nelson Mandela. In the post-apartheid era, Mr Khumalo has become one of South Africa's fastest-rising black businessmen. Now the JCI mining group that he controls is seeking a £2 billion merger with Lonrho — a deal that will supposedly resolve one of the thorniest problems facing the UK company.

According to a leaked report — and where would Lonrho be without information appearing in other than the normal channels — a Lonrho/JCI deal will allow Anglo American Corporation, the South African mining colossus, to make an elegant cut in its 28 per cent stake in Lonrho. Anglo American, which acquired the bulk of its stake from Mr Bock, is under pressure to sell from the intransigence of the European Commission, which is worried about Anglo exerting undue influence over the world's platinum market. It is suggested that Anglo could swap its stake in Lonrho for Lonrho's shares in Ashanti Goldfields, the prized Ghanaian gold miner.

The proposed deal has some undoubted attractions. JCI's coal interests would be a good fit with Duiker, Lonrho's colliery business. The enlarged company would retain substantial gold interests. And Mr Khumalo could offer Lonrho invaluable help with his political contacts — an area perceived as a growing weakness since the company ousted Mr Rowland, its founder and driving force for 35 years.

Nick Morrell, who succeeded Mr Bock as chief executive last autumn, came up through the advertising side of *The Observer* and originally caught Mr Rowland's eye with his handling of the sale of the loss-making newspaper to the Guardian Media Group. He then ran Lonrho's UK printing and textiles businesses — virtually unknown outposts of the Lonrho empire. His knowledge of mining is hardly extensive.

The intervention from JCI injects further uncertainties into Lonrho's labyrinthine demerger, which is supposed to be completed this autumn. The sale of the Princess hotels has dragged on for months, to the accompaniment of the usual Lonrho rumour mill.

Even the Rowland camp recognises that JCI could be a clever move. JCI is not so big that it will give rise to the competition concerns that have hit Anglo and which scuppered Lonrho's platinum merger with Impala, the platinum arm of Gencor, the other giant of South African mining.

As ever with Lonrho, the full picture is clouded by a myriad of complexities — not least of which is the minority shareholdings that string Lonrho together with Ashanti, Anglo American and Gencor.

For example, it is far from clear why JCI should want to see Lonrho's 41 per cent stake in Ashanti handed to Anglo. Robinn Kearney, an analyst with Barnard Jacobs Mellet, the South African firm, said JCI has been interested in Lonrho's Duiker coal business for months.

But now a full-blown merger is on the table. "Ashanti would be the most important thing for JCI to get their hands on", she said. It is the Ashanti issue that leads many to believe that the rumoured deal has Anglo's fingerprints all over it. One observer claims that Anglo is "absolutely obsessed" with gaining control of Ashanti.

Anglo American steadfastly refuses to comment on what role it may have had brokering the talks between JCI and Lonrho. Interestingly, Ken Costa, the SBC Warburg vice-chairman who is advising JCI, has also acted as an adviser to Anglo.

JCI is understood to have initiated the talks taking place in London yesterday, and to have proposed that Lonrho acquire it via an issue of shares. JCI is valued at about £900 million, and Lonrho at about £1.1 billion.

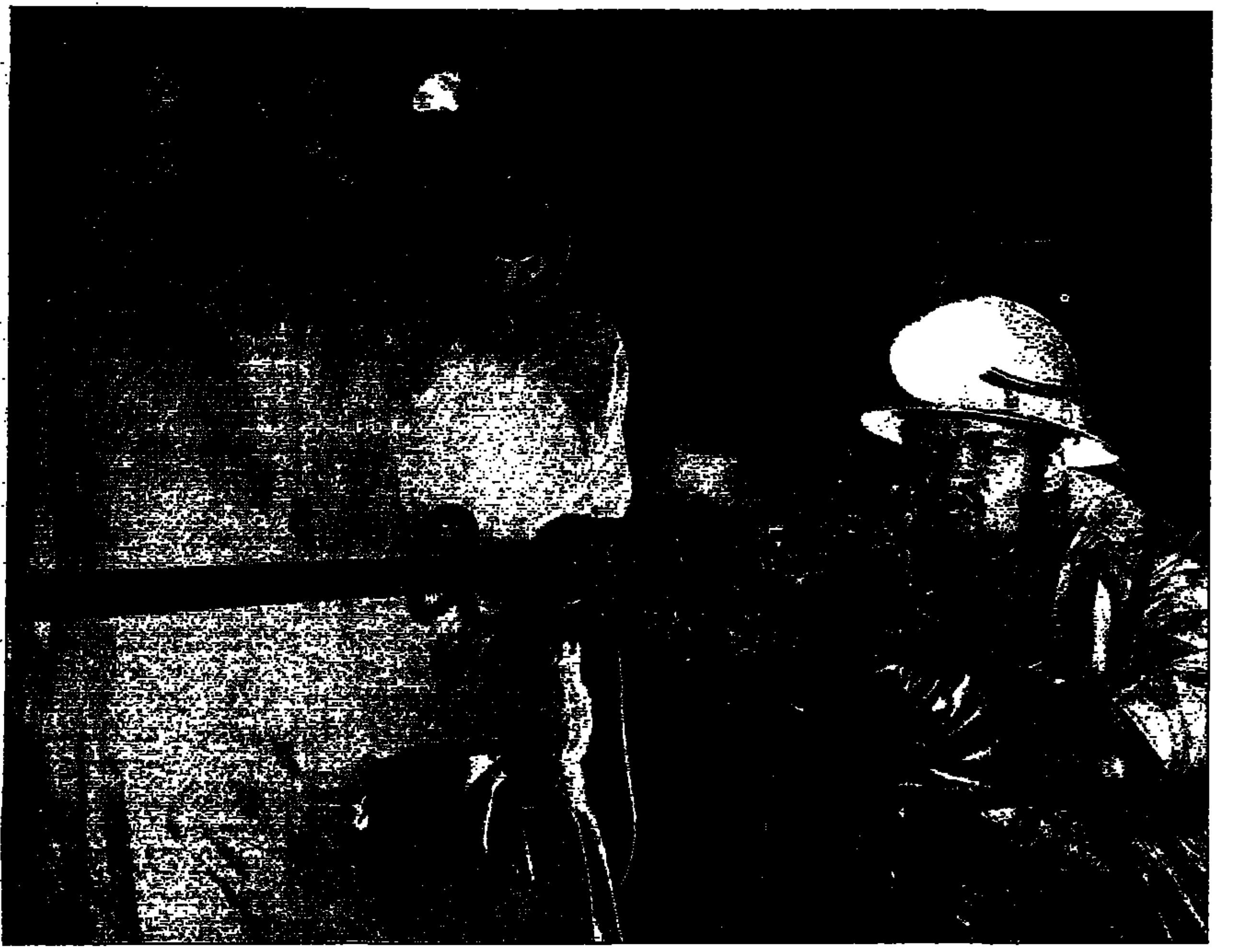
One line being peddled yesterday is that Lonrho would be happy to surrender its interest in Ashanti because it lacks management control and a sale would improve its earnings. Such an analysis looks extremely short-sighted. Ashanti produced almost a million of ounces of gold last year, but its profits are expected to fall this year and its shares are depressed. Charles Kernot, analyst at Paribas Capital Markets, believes that Ashanti's present market value of about £875 million represents barely half its true worth, which he puts at £1.7 billion. Mr Kernot said Ashanti will shortly start production from two new gold mines, leading to a 40 per cent jump in output by 1999. Accordingly, Mr Kernot believes that Anglo will have to offer Lonrho a substantial amount of cash to tempt it to part with Ashanti.

Even if Lonrho and Anglo were to agree on price, the Ghanaian Government could prove a stumbling block. Ghana was thought to be reluctant to see control of Ashanti and its Obuasi mine pass to Anglo American. Although it is now suggested that this was only an impression fostered by Mr Rowland and his acolytes. Lonrho investors will learn the truth only when there is a firm proposal for consideration.

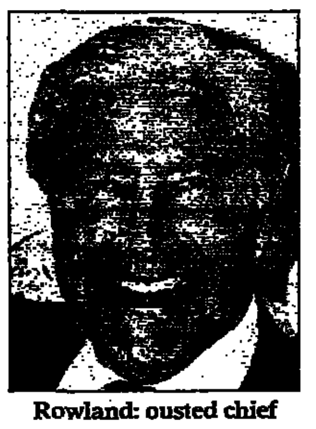
The difficulties of pricing JCI will be exacerbated by Lonrho's poorly rated paper. Battered by the timing and manner of Mr Bock's sale to Anglo, Lonrho trades at a much greater discount to its assets than does JCI.

Nor are Gencor and Impala completely out of the picture. While the South African company is still mounting a legal challenge to the European Commission's right to block the proposed platinum merger, Impala has pre-emption rights that could complicate a Lonrho/JCI merger. Impala, which is 46.5 per cent owned by Gencor, owns 27 per cent of Lonrho Platinum and has the first option to buy Lonrho's 73 per cent should there be a change in control. Once again, whether or not Gencor will be able to stick its oar in will only become clear when a detailed deal emerges.

Lonrho was keen yesterday to emphasise that its talks with JCI are still at a preliminary stage. If it does decide to go ahead, it is hard to believe that it could resolve all the difficulties and still stick to its demerger timetable. It remains hard to say exactly what, in 12 months' time, Lonrho will look like, be called or who will be running it.



Lonrho and JCI's mining operations could fit well, but talks between the two groups are still at an early stage



Rowland: ousted chief

Morrell: Bock's successor

Bank needs to clarify its approach to inflation

We will soon have an independent Bank of England charged with controlling inflation. Interest rates will be set by a panel of experts rather than the Chancellor. What sort of performance can we expect and how will we know whether the Bank is doing its job? Mr Brown has said he will use the inflation target adopted by the Conservative Government. But this took two different forms. The Government talked of a target of 2.5 per cent or less, but much of its behaviour suggested that 2.5 per cent a year was a target and not an upper limit. These two have different implications because there is a large unpredictable component in any economy. If the Bank aims for 2.5 per cent a year, it will find that inflation is sometimes higher and sometimes lower than its target. An inflation rate of 3 per cent a year now and then would not mean that the Bank had failed. It could simply mean that it had aimed at 2.5 per cent and been blown off course by events that no one could have foreseen.

To aim for 2.5 per cent or less is quite different. Most people would say this target means that inflation should not rise above 2.5 per cent, or only infrequently. If the Bank's target is in this form, the prudent thing is to aim for a much lower figure, say 1.5 per cent, allowing a margin for error.

Having sorted this out, how should the policy actually function? At present, the target is always for the inflation rate in two years' time, because it is difficult to influence inflation less far ahead than that. One difficulty of this approach is that forecasts are bound to vary. Moreover, there is the risk that the panel may place too much weight on current trends as a guide to the future and ignore the impact of policy changes that have already been made. This in turn could mean that excessive interest rate changes are made so that, far from stabilising the economy, interest-rate policy becomes destabilising.

An alternative system, or at least a starting point, would be to derive a rule for setting the interest rate taking into account the current state of the economy. For example, it might be sensible to raise the interest rate by 1½ to 2 percentage points for each percentage point increase in the actual rate of inflation, with a bit extra if inflation is above target and a bit less if it is below. The policy rule could include economic growth and other "real variables" either on the argument that they also matter or because they are leading indicators of inflation. Some people, no doubt including some members of the new monetary policy committee, will object that such rules leave no room for judgment. But this is what makes them a good reference point.

Work at the National Institute using its economic model suggests that such a system with an inflation target of 2.5 per cent will keep inflation between 1 and 4 per cent for about three years out of four. So we should expect considerable variability in the inflation rate with the new regime. No doubt in the spells in which it exceeds 4 per cent there will be plenty of commentators saying the committee should be sacked for not doing its job, when it will have simply been unlucky; in spells of low inflation old Labour will complain that things were better with Kenneth Clarke in charge. These are simply the vagaries of the economic weather.

A study by the International Monetary Fund suggests that the variability of inflation can be reduced if interest rates are set with reference not only to current inflation, but also in the light of expected future inflation, on the assumption that the best forecast available is used. And this is the difficulty. Whatever the forecasting skills brought to the panel, there is a real risk that the benefits gained by correct anticipation of future trends may be more than offset by the disruption caused when the committee is mistaken.

At least this makes the next step clear. In the interests of open government, the Bank should publish details of the sort of variability it expects in the inflation rate with various policy structures and rules, including the benefits it expects to gain from using judgment. If nothing else, it will give us a standard for assessing the performance of the new arrangements.

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Prime time

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

FAREWELL the NatWest Tower, and a welcome to The International Finance Centre, which is charging some £45 a square foot for the best office space in the City. At that price only the biggest villains will be able to afford it, so expect an immediate influx of lawyers, accountants and the odd financial PR firm. Says David Edmunds, managing director of group central services at NatWest, which continues to own the building: "We're getting back towards the top rental levels of the late 1980s" — a time when some City firms were prepared to pay as much as £55 a square foot, and we all know what happened next.

But what of the new, rather dull name? The choice was limited — City Tower and Millennium Tower are already taken. "We had a small team of special advisers, people from Weatherall Green & Smith and Richard Ellis, and anybody who could put in an innovative and imaginative solution was invited to throw it in," says Edmunds. And then you threw them out again? "Yes, I did," he replies cheerfully.

"Champagne? I'm afraid all the cabin crew have drunk it, sir"

● *THE sometimes autocratic head of Chrysalis Group was determined when he faced the City with his interim figures on Friday that analysts would be properly impressed with the Gold Sony Award just won by Heart 106.2, his London radio station. So Chris Wright's chauffeur Annie was sent back to west London to pick the thing up. She arrived back distraught, clutching a trophy now in three constituent pieces. In her hurry she had dropped it. I am assured she is still allowed near his new Bentley.*

Way out West

THE joint venture to run an automated private client dealing service between Kleinwort Benson and Winterflood Securities, owned by Close Brothers, is not the first venture between the families Benson and Close. In 1875 the Closes bought 3,000 acres of prairie in Iowa at the knockdown price of $3.50 an acre because its original inhabitants, some Native American Indians and a few million swarming grasshoppers, still felt they had a use for it. The Bensons provided some capital and Close, Benson & Co was set up. By the time the partnership was dissolved, in 1884, it had 270,000 acres of land under management.

● *CHRIS TURNER, a derivatives salesman at SBC Warburg and in the running for most accident-prone man in the City, was on a trip to Scotland last week. He rang into his office in a bit of a state. "Where's sterling?" he asked. Oh, about 1.63 in the market, they replied. "No, where's Stirling? I'm on the wrong train. I'm in Edinburgh." The same Turner, on a flight to France not long before, left his travel documents on a food tray, necessitating a hasty search of the aircraft's bins. Chris, have you ever thought of spending more time in the office?*

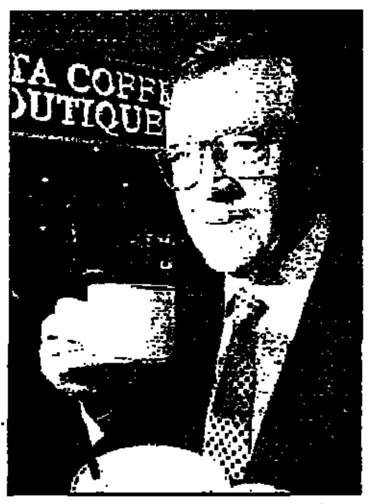
Fit for a launch

NOW it can be told: A couple of months before the election new Labour was casting around for a room imposing enough to house the internal launch of its official manifesto. The party's media machine was based at Millbank Tower, and a mere 20 storeys above this was the woodlined Vickers boardroom. Perfect, except that Vickers was not keen to be quite so closely associated with all this. Some hurried and temporary redecorating was needed. Easy enough to unscrew the Vickers logo. But coverings had to be hung over the distinctive curved wall, which bears wooden reliefs of the ships the company once built, and a nautical bell, also harking back to its shipbuilding traditions, was removed. I am told that in the publicity shots handed out by Labour the room is just recognisable — if you know what you are looking for.

Hourly rate

THE various unions and new Labour are dickering over the minimum wage, and whether it should be £4.26 an hour, £4.42 or any other figure plucked out of the air. Perhaps they should consult the unofficial new boss of the Low Pay Commission, who everyone seems to have decided will be Peter Jarvis when he steps down as chief executive at Whitbread on June 2. Whitbread's report and accounts arrive, and they show that last year he earned £598,794 last year, including £161,502 in performance-related pay — or, assuming Jarvis puts in a 60-hour week like the Trojan he is and only takes a fortnight holiday, a few pence less than £200 an hour. Not a figure that has yet featured in the debate.

MARTIN WALLER



Peter Jarvis is widely tipped to head the Low Pay Commission

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property *n. Brit.* **1** leaf tea served from a silver pot (usu. *Earl Grey, English Breakfast* etc.) **2** something owned: a possession, esp. real estate.

leasehold *n. & adj.* **1** judo grip in which an opponent is partly restrained (**half lease**) or completely restrained (**full lease**) **2** the holding of property.

tenants *n.* **1** mythical insects reputed to have the strength of several men **2** a gathering of your uncles' wives (best avoided) **3** persons holding real property by private ownership.

key money *n.* **1** the cost of harbouring one's yacht **2** expenses incurred in changing locks (usu. after *burglary*) **3** premium paid by an incoming tenant for premises.

estate *n.* **1** large four wheeled container for children, dogs, green wellies etc (usu. *Volvo, Merc* etc) **2** person's collective assets and liabilities **3** landed property.

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Latin America	84.30	89.68	+ 0.59	0.43
Capital Reserve	148.90	148.90		4.69
ABBEY NATIONAL UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0141 275 8500				
H&P UK Growth	103.40	110.00	- 0.60	2.07
Equity Income	145.00	154.20	- 0.70	3.92
Extra Income	281.70	293.60	- 1.10	6.09
Smaller Cos	109.60	116.50†	-	1.53
International	125.10	133.80†	-	1.37
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	2494.00	2595.00		
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	67.82	70.15†	- 0.73	
Emerging Mkts	77.50	80.72	+ 0.28	0.04
European	167.50	174.10		
Extra Income #	54.04	56.87	- 0.27	5.72
Far East Emg Eco	124.40	130.59	+ 0.30	0.48
Fixed Interest #	26.72	27.79†	- 0.05	8.74
Fund Inv Tst #	168.70	177.00†	+ 0.50	9.38
Japan	178.50	185.50	- 0.10	
Latin American	71.93	74.83	+ 0.15	0.65
Pacific	80.51	84.51†	+ 0.10	0.31
Property Share	84.28	88.47	- 0.11	1.99
UK Emerging Cos	72.70	78.58	+ 0.19	1.23
UK Growth	62.65	65.25†	- 0.28	1.80
Alter World Port #	88.94	93.61	- 0.10	2.66
Ethical	84.61	87.99	+ 0.36	2.01
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	51.01	51.06	- 0.05	7.26
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0171 256 5868				
Resid Property #	101.00	107.40	.	5.29
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	100.81	106.96	- 0.10	1.89
Income Builder Inc	89.56	95.29	- 0.39	3.67
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	332.40	344.60†	- [illegible]	2.70
Capital	574.40	614.00†	[illegible]	1.02
Balanced	944.50	1009.00	- [illegible]	2.42
Accumulator	1825.00	1950.00†	- 15.00	1.60
Income Trusts				
American Income	72.40	77.220	- 0.31	2.10
High Income	523.40	559.30	- 4.10	3.92
Equity Income	298.20	316.60	- 2.40	3.51
High Yield	314.40	336.00†	- 2.30	3.58
Govt Securities	35.58	37.560†	- 0.16	5.81
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	244.20	260.40	- 2.40	0.04
European Growth	64.50	68.970	- 0.40	0.06
International	205.70	219.70†	- 1.10	0.10
Japan	186.90	199.70	- 0.70	
Pacific	408.20	436.30	+ 1.40	
Secs of America	663.90	696.00†	- 06.60	0.11
Wwide Asset Val	59.65	63.760	- 0.49	0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Values	733.60	784.20	- 6.60	1.74
Com & Gilt	54.38	58.130	- 0.37	3.65
Smaller Cos	213.30	228.00	- 1.10	1.00
2nd Smaller Cos	202.30	216.20	- 1.20	0.72
Recovery	196.00	199.60†	- [illegible]	1.42
Met Min & Cdty	158.20	169.10†	+ [illegible]	0.18
Oseas Earnings	484.00	517.30†	- 3.20	0.94
Technology	239.00	255.40†	- 2.30	
UK Special Sits	648.40	693.10	- 3.60	1.56
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01293 526 911				
Cntrctd Out Pens	132.80	137.90		
Foundtn Persl Pens	78.29	81.33		
For BG-Thornhill see Thornhill				
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
America	378.10	403.90	- 0.70	
Bond	123.20	129.70	- [illegible]	6.41
Brit Smlr Cos	117.70	125.20	- [illegible]	1.80
Com & Gen #	69.41	73.84†	- [illegible]	5.23
Europe	328.10	348.20	- 1.00	0.10
Euro Smlr Cos	127.50	135.50	- 0.30	0.31
Income Grwth	398.30	423.70	- 1.80	4.47
Japan	316.20	335.80	+ 0.50	
Latin American	107.10	113.90	+ 0.60	0.57
Pacific	119.40	127.00	+ 0.30	0.51
UK Smlr Cos	60.99	64.88	+ 0.01	1.24
Japan Fd	603.10	621.50	- 0.20	
Mngd Fs	223.50	237.40†	- 1.40	2.59
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	416.70	448.70		0.80
Capital Grwth	139.40	158.00		2.64
Wwide Opps	244.10	258.20		0.84
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
0181 522 4000				
Balanced Trusts				
Gth & Inc Inc	485.20	516.70†	- [illegible]	1.94
European Bd Inc	99.93	103.50†	- 0.20	5.03
Exempt	95.62	101.60†	- 0.50	2.42
500	518.40	557.50	- 0.99	2.06
General	[illegible]	334.80	- [illegible]	2.06
Property	263.20	293.10	.	5.45
Trustee	263.40	280.20	- 1.10	2.01
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.60	100.60†		5.59
Distribution	122.50	123.10	- 0.60	5.67
Extra Income #	156.70	166.70†	- 2.60	4.37
Gilt & Fxd Int	60.98	62.45†	- [illegible]	7.54
Income #	669.70	710.10	- [illegible]	4.27
Income Builder #	78.01	80.94	- [illegible]	4.91
Intl Income	79.59	84.67	- 0.46	1.73
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	165.90	173.90	- 0.80	1.65
FTSE 100	119.20	126.50†	- 2.20	2.25
Leisure	135.90	138.30	- 1.20	1.56
Recovery	570.10	606.50	- 3.00	2.18
Smllr Cos Inc	61.95	65.92	+ 0.02	2.03
Special Sits	453.30	479.90	- 1.90	1.79
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	199.50	211.50†	3.60	0.36
F East Gwth Acc	206.90	226.57	- 0.10	0.26
Far East Gwth	195.05	[illegible]	- 0.10	0.25
Euro Grth Inc	217.60	230.70	- 0.10	0.60
-do- Accum	235.70	250.60		0.60
Japan	129.10	136.70	+ 0.50	
-do- Accum	120.60	135.20	+ 0.42	
Japan Spec Sits	61.15	64.79	- 0.12	
Worldwide	210.30	229.60	- 0.50	0.63
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	153.70	162.50	- 2.50	
Amer Smlr Cos	145.20	151.70	- 1.10	
Convertibles	63.57	67.49	- 0.25	2.30
Eastern	285.30	301.30	- 2.30	3.30
Equity Income #	113.40	121.30†	- 0.30	4.70
European Growth	231.90	245.90†	- 0.40	0.92
Europe	419.90	446.50	- 1.00	0.40
German Growth	99.27	105.00	+ 0.20	0.51
Global Bond	72.42	76.16	- 0.21	6.20
Global Growth	157.30	167.10	- 0.70	0.42
Japan Growth	182.50	193.60	- 0.50	
Japan Smaller	129.50	137.80	+ 0.50	
Korea Trust	50.79	53.70	- 2.16	
Portfolio	163.40	173.90	- 2.40	2.00
-do- Accum	313.00	331.60	- 3.80	2.00
UK Growth	122.20	130.30	- 0.40	3.07
UK Smaller Cos	107.30	116.42†	- [illegible]	1.90
Select Managed	96.47	101.40	- 0.20	1.01
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	101.20	107.70		
Special Opps Inc	69.30	72.63		
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD				
0141 221 6020				
Balanced Growth	166.76	172.03†	- 1.10	1.45
-do- Accum	294.46	302.58	- 3.60	1.45
Smaller Cos	126.92	131.29†	- 0.10	0.41
Higher Yield #	84.12	92.52†	- 0.30	3.99
American Gth Inc	107.51	114.49	- 1.20	
European Growth	125.94	136.97	- 0.70	
-do- Accum	142.38	201.02	- 0.20	
Mngd Ptflo Inc	53.19	61.56	- 0.15	1.20
-do- Accum	61.64	64.21	- 0.15	1.20
Intl Emg Opps	99.21	112.97	0.11	
Pacific Gth	153.53	166.13	- 0.10	
UK General #	113.54	119.27	- 0.41	2.95
-do- Accum #	122.38	129.72	- 0.77	2.95
Japan	52.66	55.99	- 0.04	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	103.61	107.30	- 0.59	9.06
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Shad Guard Gilt	64.63	65.45	- 0.09	6.42
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Environ	200.70	211.30	- 0.32	1.95
UK Growth	244.30	256.70	- 1.20	2.62
UK Income	167.80	176.70†	- 0.30	3.65
CANADA LIFE UNIT (UK) LTD				
01707 322 100				
Can Gen Dist	259.10	274.60	- 1.60	1.44
-do- Income Dist	130.50	149.90†	- 1.30	3.36
-do- Accum	367.30	395.30†	- [illegible]	1.56
Gilt & Fxd Int	42.17	44.30	- 0.12	6.74
Growth Units	291.50	312.70	- 1.70	1.87
Bond	182.30	191.60	- 0.70	6.89
Intl Growth	239.50	251.70†	- 0.70	0.17
North American	287.00	305.10	- 3.50	0.09
Far East	299.30	320.10	+ 1.20	0.60
UK Smaller Cos	249.60	265.90	- 0.10	1.53
European	107.00	113.70	- 0.10	0.44
Japanese Growth	41.72	44.20†	- 0.25	
High Income	247.90	266.00	- 1.00	3.83
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 631 7433 Enq 0151 031 7433 Dlg 0181 931 7455				
American & Gen	235.60	249.90	- 2.10	
European Inc	110.40	117.12	- 0.10	0.39
Smaller Cos Inc	116.40	123.90	- 0.10	1.37
Growth	621.90	661.50	- 3.50	1.87
Income & Growth #	526.90	560.50	- 5.00	3.37
-do- Accum #	807.60	853.20	- 7.80	3.37
Japan & Gen	60.82	64.51	- 0.58	
Halloran Gwth	£13.54	£14.11†	- [illegible]	1.64
-do- Accum	£16.85	£17.56	- [illegible]	1.64
Special Sits	142.60	152.00	- 1.40	1.83
High Yield	£16.81	£17.34†	- 9.00	3.65
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 600 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	110.67	118.02	- 0.30	2.08
American Portfolio	138.16	146.55	- 0.99	0.97
European Portfolio	154.33	164.18†	- 1.29	0.56
High Income	51.58	53.72†	- 0.16	7.09
Japanese Portfolio	62.15	65.31†	+ 0.30	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Pacific Portfolio	157.13	168.96	- 0.34	0.78
UK Equity	107.49	114.81†	- 0.53	3.09
UK Equity & Bd	82.40	88.14	- 0.33	6.10
UK Smlr Cos	55.09	58.92	- 0.15	1.61
CBF CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fd Inc	864.43	877.49	.	3.92
Inv Fd Acc	864.43	877.49		
Fxd Int Sec Inc	162.38	163.04	...	6.77
Fxd Int Sec Acc	162.38	163.04		
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	856.46	869.40		3.58
Investment Acc	£40.39	£41.00		
Fixed Int Inc	137.45	137.97		6.79
Fixed Int Acc	250.10	251.10		
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	87.39	92.13		5.44
Beck Blu-Foch	39.97	42.38		
Acorn Ethical Tst	192.92	202.58		0.27
City Fin Assets	84.35	88.68†	+ 0.14	1.90
City Fin Intl	93.78	98.48†	..	0.06
Friars Hse Cap	330.03	351.10	+ 4.76	2.27
Buckley Wrld Gth	144.27	152.97	.	
J Sel Inc/Gth Inc	64.05	67.26		3.18
Shaw Utilities	67.21	68.89†	- 0.73	6.43
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admn: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	59.60	63.24	+ 0.11	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 233				
American Gwth	84.54	89.94	- 0.79	.
Dragon Growth	70.76	75.67	+ 0.45	0.35
Equity High Inc	104.28	110.34	- 0.47	3.50
-do- Accum	152.87	161.75	- 0.60	3.50
Extra Income Inc	27.72	29.19	- 0.11	6.66
Extra Income Acc	31.39	33.05	- 0.13	6.66
European Gwth	73.45	77.73	- 0.13	0.30
Evergreen	32.66	34.93	- 0.10	
General Equity	122.06	128.92	- 0.65	2.49
Japan Growth	43.76	46.55	+ 0.15	
Portfolio Gwth	72.39	76.60	- 0.41	1.96
Pcf Sml Cos Inc	40.91	43.29†	- 0.07	1.21
-do- Accum	43.82	46.37	- 0.07	1.21
Retirement Inc #	31.30	33.30	- 0.21	5.36
Special Sits	53.11	56.03	- 0.21	2.65
UK & Overseas	66.33	70.19	- 0.28	0.62
COLONIAL UNIT TRUSTS (UK) LTD				
01634 898 000				
Balanced	77.38	80.60	- 0.40	1.60
Capital	93.61	97.51	- 0.41	2.26
High Income	54.19	56.44†	- 0.25	6.56
Top 50	66.44	69.20	- 0.36	2.33
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	214.05	227.99†	- 0.84	4.12
Long Gilt	46.58	49.50†	- 0.38	5.52
Monthly Inc Plus	53.90	56.15	- 0.26	7.98
Preference Share	51.00	53.13†	- 0.27	7.34
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	158.71	165.34†	- 0.67	5.16
Managed Fund	82.37	85.91†	0.33	2.59
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	54.61	56.89†	- 0.02	1.67
-do- Accum	65.31	68.04†	- 0.09	1.67
UK & General	110.68	115.30†	- 0.66	2.62
-do- Accum	146.73	152.86†	- 0.85	2.62
UK Growth	221.82	231.09†	- 0.93	1.22
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	244.91	255.14†	- 0.26	0.57
Far Eastern Grth	132.03	137.55†		0.02
Global Bond	73.95	77.04†	+ 0.02	6.43
Japan Growth	107.19	111.67†	+ 0.02	
North Amer Gth	370.60	382.11†	- 2.72	
Oriental Growth	83.70	87.20†	+ 0.02	0.27
Worldwide Growth	79.04	82.34†	- 0.35	
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.99	91.99†	+ 0.04	5.56
Homemaker Fund	100.36	106.78	- 0.36	2.02
Quilter Fund	171.48	182.44	- 1.41	1.97
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	38.94	41.52		3.81
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	195.60	208.10†	- 0.40	1.64
Income	79.71	84.80	- 0.64	4.18
European	85.43	90.98	- 0.37	0.34
Recovery	188.30	200.30	- 0.70	2.64
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	1110.70	1129.70		3.01
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	117.50	124.90		1.09
Income #	308.10	327.70†	- 1.80	4.20
-do- Accum #	836.10	891.50	- 4.80	4.20
Smaller Cos	237.90	253.00	- 0.50	0.94
-do- Accum	298.30	315.20	- 0.60	0.94
Gilt Portfolio	109.60	116.50	- 0.50	1.32
High Inc Port #	91.15	96.96	- 0.45	4.31
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 470 1634				
Global Sm Cos	1722.90	1756.40		
UK Small Cos	2312.10	2405.80		2.65
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	243.00	250.50	.	3.14
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	197.40	210.00	- 1.00	1.54
UK High Inc Inc	204.00	217.00†	- 1.00	3.28
-do- Accum	284.50	302.60†	- 1.40	3.28
UK Prof & F Inc	62.63	66.51	- 0.41	6.56
Emerging Opps	115.80	123.10†	- 0.80	0.81
UK Smlr Cos #	75.98	80.82	- 0.23	0.83
Extra Income Inc	52.60	55.93	- 0.28	6.57
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 080 526				
Convertibles #	23.93	25.43	- 0.08	5.51
Enterprise	116.60	123.60		2.45
Equity Income #	158.00	167.90	- 0.90	3.81
European	71.25	75.46	- 0.03	
Financial	66.28	70.42	- 0.18	1.42
Growth & Inc #	319.00	338.90	- 3.00	2.58
High Dist #	196.30	208.60†	- 1.60	4.07
International	451.00	479.20	+ 0.20	0.21
Int Cap Inc	115.60	123.40†	- 0.30	2.19
Latin American	36.92	39.23	- 0.24	
Pacific	83.35	88.53	0.15	
Pref High Inc	73.57	75.04†	- 0.11	7.19
Tokyo	200.90	212.40	- 0.29	
UK Smaller Cos	258.60	274.80†	- 0.30	1.01
[illegible] Unit Trusts				
Japan Sm Cos	340.20	360.40†	+ 0.90	
Nth Amer	472.80	501.30	- 3.50	0.58
UK Inc & Gth	297.90	309.70†	- 2.30	2.47
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
BFB Director Dlgs	131.00	140.11†	+ 3.04	1.02
Growth Acc	297.32	316.72	+ 11.10	0.61
Income	626.34	667.05	+ 8.22	5.96
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	245.90	261.50†		1.14
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
[illegible]	104.16	110.10	- 0.77	1.52
Growth Tst	49.62	52.10	- 0.51	0.90
Far Eastern	306.60	324.84	- 0.73	1.35
High Income	157.54	165.93†	- 0.73	4.41
UK Index Tracking	60.45	63.53	- 0.51	2.84
Intl Growth	152.27	[illegible]	- 0.73	0.80
North American	166.09	173.68	- 1.07	1.77
Pelican	165.19	171.77†	- 1.37	2.79
Smaller Cos	86.10	90.11	+ 0.13	2.63
Special Sits	99.69	103.29	- 0.05	2.53
Trust of Inv Tsts	239.77	246.07	0.20	1.29
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	112.55	119.39†	- 0.24	
Fd of Inv Tsts	57.14	60.63	- 0.13	0.48
High Income #	35.05	37.47†	+ 0.05	11.50
Zero Gth Opps	49.91	52.67	+ 0.05	
Zero Preference	46.69	49.51	+ 0.02	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	109.10	116.00†	0.40	2.36
Family Charities	353.20	375.80†	- 0.10	1.87
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.82
Bond Funds				
Intl Bond	25.66	27.64†	- 0.03	5.29
Strategic Inc	28.52	29.61†	- 0.14	5.70
Income Funds				
High Income	29.53	30.76†	0.16	5.07
Income Plus	149.30	159.30	1.70	3.77
European Income	57.00	60.59	- 0.04	2.24
UK Inc Gth	35.75	38.02	- 0.25	2.20
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	54.42	58.05	- 0.17	
American	357.20	370.90	- 1.10	
Amer Spec Sits	197.60	211.00†	- 1.80	
Japan Smaller Cos	26.40	28.02	- 0.20	
European	267.10	284.00	- 0.10	0.45
European Opps	96.27	102.50†	- 0.10	0.56
Global Fin	38.17	39.49	- 0.09	0.43
UK Growth	137.10	146.90	- 0.50	1.33
Growth & Inc	204.30	217.30	1.40	2.20
Intl PEP	54.55	57.99	- 0.35	0.94
Japan Spec Sits	76.34	81.14	- 0.09	
Japan	173.50	185.00	- 0.90	
Managed Intl	396.40	421.00	- 2.30	0.64
MoneyBuilder	71.52	76.05	- 0.25	
Recovery	67.19	71.49	- 0.19	1.97
South E Asia	196.60	209.60	+ 1.50	0.92
Special Sits	605.30	655.30	- 2.40	0.52
Specialised Funds				
Cash Accum Units	119.17	119.17	+ 0.64	5.80
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	161.90	164.90		1.66
Fixed Int Inc #	103.70	104.60†	- 2.10	5.94
Cap Pfolio	191.60	193.10	- 0.40	0.19
General Opps	151.50	158.50†		3.14
Growth Inc	43.57	43.02†	- 0.24	1.72
Pintgl Portfolio	520.70	535.20		1.15
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Dlg 01277 690 336 Admin/Val 01277 690 350				
Euro Smlr Cos	161.50	172.00		0.01
High Income	23.66	25.14†	+ 0.08	3.96
Japan Smlr Cos	16.62	17.23	+ 0.04	
US Smaller Cos	447.30	458.50	- 0.70	
For Foster & Braithwaite see Quilter				
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	81.76	86.96	- 0.97	
-do- Accum	81.76	86.96	0.97	
Amer Smllr Cos	636.30	690.50	- 1.10	
-do- Accum	652.10	[illegible]	- 1.10	
Capital Tst	420.00	446.80	- 1.10	1.26
-do- Accum	620.30	659.90	- 1.60	1.26
Contl Smllr Cos	64.83	[illegible]	+ 0.14	0.97
-do- Accum	68.98	73.63	+ 0.15	0.97
Convertible	145.60	154.90	- 0.50	5.17
-do- Accum	327.70	343.30	- 1.10	5.17
Emerging Markets	69.91	74.71	+ 0.47	0.54
-do- Accum	70.43	75.30	+ 0.47	0.54
European	170.60	180.70†	- 0.20	0.50
-do- Accum	181.30	192.10†	- 0.20	0.50
Extra Income	428.40	455.70	- 2.20	4.02
-do- Accum	690.60	734.90	- 3.40	4.02
Financial	202.80	215.70†	+ 0.10	0.46
-do- Accum	217.30	231.10†	+ 0.30	0.46
Gilt Trust	63.37	65.35†	- 0.06	6.65
-do- Accum	101.60	104.70†	- 0.18	6.65
Health Fund Inc	253.30	270.60†	+ 0.50	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	253.30	270.60†	+ 0.60	
Income & Growth	249.90	265.90†	- 1.50	4.08
-do- Accum	408.60	434.90†	- 2.70	4.08
Intl Growth	443.10	472.60†	- 0.90	
-do- Accum	492.00	524.70†	- 1.10	
Japan & Gen	156.60	166.40	- 0.30	
-do- Accum	158.20	168.00	- 0.40	..
Monthly Inc #	218.10	232.00†	- 0.40	4.26
-do- Accum #	223.20	237.40†	- 0.50	4.26
Managed Port Inc	128.80	135.60†	- 0.40	1.32
-do- Accum	141.70	149.20†	- 0.40	1.32
Quarterly Income #	61.36	64.49†	- 0.25	5.07
-do- Accum #	71.18	76.17†	- 0.30	5.07
Recovery	348.70	372.90	- 0.30	
-do- Accum	411.60	440.20	- 0.20	
UK Growth	73.32	78.00†	- 0.47	2.76
-do- Accum	81.00	86.17†	- 0.51	2.76
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01722 715835 Enq 01722 715834				
FP American	70.11	74.60	- 1.19	0.03
FP Am Smllr Cos	198.60	211.30†	- 0.60	
FP Asian Growth	280.70	299.40†	- 0.40	
FP Australian	454.00	484.20	- 2.50	
FP Equity Dist	517.40	551.80†	- 2.40	2.08
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 6.00	2.08
FP Euro Gth	341.10	363.80	- 0.30	...
-do- Accum	364.20	388.10	- 0.40	
FP Intl Bond	55.94	59.19	- 0.09	4.27
FP Intl Gth Dist	41.74	44.52	- 0.22	
-do- Accum	61.30	65.38	- 0.34	..
FP Pac Basin Acc	221.80	236.50	+ 0.80	
FP Income #	66.96	71.31	- 0.39	4.52
-do- Accum #	237.60	253.40	- 1.10	4.52
FP Jap Smllr Cos	245.80	262.10	+ 1.00	.
FP Monthly Dist #	92.02	97.48†	- 0.31	5.11
FP Stlg Deposit	100.50	100.50†		5.14
FP Tokyo	75.81	80.97	+ 0.08	
FP UK Focus	48.37	51.58†	- 0.27	1.44
FP UK Growth	230.20	245.50	- 1.50	1.84
-do- Accum	468.40	499.60	- 3.00	1.84
Stewardship Dist	467.50	498.60†	+ 0.40	1.24
-do- Accum	594.70	634.30	+ 0.50	1.24
Stwdship Inc Dist #	80.17	85.51†	- 0.04	4.92
-do- Accum #	113.30	120.80	- 0.10	4.92
N Am Stshp Dist	141.00	150.40	- 0.70	0.12
-do- Accum	151.80	161.30	- 0.70	0.12
FP Exempt Trust				
Inst Ethical In #	117.70	118.30	- 0.10	2.90
Inst Ethical Ac #	117.70	118.20	- 0.10	2.90
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	140.20	149.10†	+ 0.90	0.68
Open Cap Gth Acc	142.00	151.00†	+ 0.60	
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	128.00	136.10	+ 1.00	2.99
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	137.00	145.70	+ 0.90	2.99
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	132.00	140.40	+ 0.60	3.72
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	143.00	152.10	+ 0.60	3.72
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 106/7				
[illegible]	339.40	360.10†	- 1.80	1.60
Cash	49.36	50.10†	+ 0.02	4.55
Growth Portfolio	100.16	106.50	- 0.20	
Income Portfolio	80.24	85.13†	- 0.28	2.56
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	245.30	262.40	+ 3.60	0.49
Dividend	112.40	120.20	- 0.30	3.87
Intl Gth & Inc	278.10	297.90	- 0.50	1.39
UK & Gen	56.31	60.22	- 0.07	1.18
Fund of Funds	80.29	85.87	+ 0.16	
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
American Smlr Cos	205.10	219.40	- 0.70	0.15
European Gth	828.90	882.70	+ 1.30	0.54
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	57.57	61.03†	+ 0.01	3.91
-do- Accum	66.11	70.08	+ 0.01	3.91
High Yield #	53.27	55.21†	- 0.29	7.42
-do- Accum #	60.42	63.81	- 0.34	7.42
Income Inc	216.50	231.90	- 0.60	3.73
-do- Accum	251.50	269.00	- 0.70	3.73
Intl Growth	402.70	427.40	- 1.90	0.29
Intl Income	104.40	110.60	- 0.30	2.47
Japan Growth	452.90	480.40	+ 1.50	
Orient Acc	202.10	216.20	+ 0.90	0.14
UK General Inc	206.10	220.50	- 1.30	1.59
UK General Acc	320.10	335.90	- 2.40	1.59
UK Sm Cos Div Acc	65.31	69.85	- 0.33	1.66
UK Spec Sits	115.20	123.20	- 0.70	1.22
US Growth	204.60	216.40	- 3.30	
Wwide Spec Sits	170.10	180.80	- 1.30	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	66.39	70.97	- 0.22	1.99
Practical Inv Inc #	133.35	142.62†	- 1.13	3.37
-do- Accum #	324.10	346.63†	- 2.77	3.37
UK Index	206.35	207.39	- 1.09	2.95
UK Smaller Cos	235.91	252.31	+ 0.83	0.36
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	25.62	26.55†	- 0.07	6.97
High Income	38.68	41.31†	- 0.22	4.41
UK Growth & Inc	179.72	192.35	- 1.01	2.96
Global Bond	28.13	29.17†	- 0.02	4.66
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	50.64	54.16†	+ 0.16	
Global Managed	155.32	165.05†	- 0.63	1.18
Gold & Intl Res	107.98	115.49	- 2.60	
Global Utilities	163.67	174.56	- 0.76	0.67
Overseas Funds				
American	217.33	230.32	- 2.15	0.59
European	159.23	168.86	- 0.04	0.60
Euro Sel Opps	245.52	260.76	+ 0.32	
Amer Emerging	169.75	180.92	+ 0.06	
Hong Kong	198.36	211.91	+ 0.88	1.01
Japan	208.13	220.90	- 0.44	
Pacific Growth	220.31	236.69	+ 0.90	
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	284.74	284.74†	- 0.86	1.77
Long Term Bal	302.42	302.42†	- 0.93	2.58
Med Term Bal	247.10	247.10†	- 0.77	2.78
UK Equity	340.89	340.89†	- 1.89	2.35
UK Emerging Cos	191.19	191.19	- 0.12	1.96
American	372.37	372.37	- 5.48	0.48
Japan	122.66	122.66	- 0.08	
European	413.27	413.27	- 0.31	0.72
Index Linked Gilt	194.34	194.34	- 0.56	2.64
Fixed Interest	191.71	191.71†	- 0.93	6.87
Amer Emergs	376.65	376.65	+ 0.78	
Pacific	222.98	222.98	+ 1.00	0.85
Emerging Mkts	137.21	137.21	+ 0.40	0.60
Index Strat Japan	120.85	120.85	+ 0.25	0.25
-do- Pacific Bkn	202.41	202.41	+ 0.38	1.12
-do- Cont Europe	219.26	219.26	- 0.35	1.26
Index Strat USA	221.12	221.12	- 2.73	1.37
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	134.48	143.06	- 0.43	
Med Term Bal	118.73	125.77	+ 0.99	
Cash Trust	150.21	150.21†	+ 0.05	5.46
Long Term Bal	136.51	145.21	+ 1.34	
UK Equity	158.84	168.98	- 0.94	
UK Emerging Cos	90.10	95.85	- 0.06	
American	172.82	183.84	- 2.71	
Japan	58.67	62.41	- 0.04	
European	171.98	182.95	- 0.13	
Fixed Interest	99.26	105.59	- 0.52	
Index Linked Gilt	86.68	92.21	- 0.26	
Deposit	90.52	96.29	+ 0.03	
Broker Unit Trusts				
BWH Intl	166.11	174.85	+ 0.40	0.49
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stlg & Intl Inc	703.84	748.77	- 0.67	0.60
-do- Accum	798.93	849.93	+ 0.76	0.60
European Inc	198.52	211.10	- 0.37	1.08
Amalgam Inc	173.03	184.07		
N America Inc	428.14	455.47	+ 1.17	
Far East Inc	375.00	398.94	+ 1.85	0.17
-do- Accum	389.21	414.06	+ 1.92	0.17
UK Divid Inc	225.56	239.96	- 4.69	7.71
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
Protected Funds				
UK Safeguard	130.580	139.140	+ 0.05	
Do NAV to Jun 20	123.50	123.59		
UK Equity Safeguard	102.92	110.06		2.47
Do NAV to Jun 20	96.69	96.69		
Cash	95.251	95.777		5.50
UK Growth Funds				
UK Equity Gen	336.30	347.00†	- 2.00	1.79
British Growth	76.33	81.63		1.43
UK Small Cos	77.43	82.80†	- 0.10	0.49
FTSE 250 Index	94.43	100.99		2.11
Geared UK Index	20.3095	21.4482†	- 0.19	5.00
Income Funds				
UK Equity Inc #	103.19	110.35†	- 0.80	4.24
Corp Bd	80.17	82.92	- 0.04	
Monthly Inc	41.25	43.97†	- 0.10	8.71
International Funds				
American Gen	261.90	277.20	3.30	
American Strat	226.01	241.71	- 1.80	
JG US Index	20.1610	21.2431†		4.00
European Gen	316.60	334.30	+ 1.30	0.71
European Strat	135.30	144.72	- 0.30	
Japan Gen	148.50	156.70	0.30	
Japan Strat	50.79	54.31	+ 0.20	
Asia Pacific	99.10	105.98	- 0.16	
Pacific Strat	161.29	172.48†	+ 1.80	
Greater China	253.25	270.34	- 5.50	
Latin America	113.78	121.67	+ 0.10	
Intl Growth	172.57	184.56	- 0.20	
Balanced Exempt	148.40	153.60	- 1.40	2.38
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 9668				
European	671.00	716.90	- 0.60	0.15
Gilt & Fixed	135.70	143.90	- 0.90	5.43
Growth Equity	502.20	536.50†	- 2.90	1.17
Income Trust	173.30	185.10	- 0.60	3.73
International	222.70	237.90	- 0.30	0.09
Japan Trust	116.90	124.90	+ 0.20	
Nth American	387.30	413.70†	- 5.00	
Pacific	561.70	600.10†	+ 2.30	0.09
Guardhill	729.90	779.60	- 4.30	1.25
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2128				
EMU Trust	101.70	105.52	- 0.06	5.12
Global High Inc	96.02	99.69†	- 0.10	5.41
Corporate Bond	109.02	113.19	- 0.61	6.92
Eqty & Bond Inc	121.21	128.87	- 0.25	4.80
European Growth	147.44	156.76	- 0.10	
Intl PEP Trust	79.00	84.00	- 0.33	
Equity Inc	152.35	162.62†	- 0.54	3.41
-do- Accum	230.15	244.69	0.87	3.41
Recovery	466.50	495.00†	- 3.40	2.48
-do- Accum	559.70	595.10	- 10.10	2.48
Sl Yldg High Inc	139.92	143.91	0.45	6.93
UK Emerg Cos	315.70	335.60†	- 15.20	2.81
UK Smlr Cos	434.90	442.50	+ 0.40	3.00
Gldh Priv Tst	141.22	150.69	- 0.24	0.95
-do- Accum	147.25	156.67	- 0.25	0.95
Inc Share Tst	96.93	103.05	- 0.03	8.50
Small Cos	106.74	113.59	- 0.01	1.95
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 230 5050				
Balanced Inc	59.97	63.50	- 0.47	3.32
Balanced Acc	64.56	68.45	- 0.50	3.32
Growth	37.16	39.40	- 0.35	1.91
Growth Acc	38.71	41.04	- 0.36	1.91
Income	35.75	37.91	- 0.27	4.06
Income Acc	38.60	41.12	- 0.29	4.06
Dealing: 01904 611110				
Accumulation Tst	30.37	32.91	- 0.33	2.66
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
High Provider	102.10	105.50†	- 0.50	6.43
Model Ptflo	274.90	290.10	- 0.90	1.39
HARGREAVES LANSDOWN FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries 01277 690 230 Dealing: 01277 690 412				
UK Port Acc	48.17	51.32	+ 0.19	2.96
HENDERSON INVESTORS				
Enquiries: 0645 484848 Dealing: 0645 484846				
UK Funds				
UK Enterprise	392.80	420.29	- 6.03	0.54
Best of British	82.19	87.36†	- 0.57	2.03
UK Smaller Cos	165.63	178.04	- 0.17	0.73
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	350.94	373.72	- 1.20	3.26
-do- Accum #	£10.03	£10.68	- 3.11	3.26
High Income	377.40	403.43†	- 1.18	3.96
Extra Income #	325.90	348.58	1.61	5.65
Pref & Bond	51.61	53.23†	- 0.13	8.00
International				
Ethical	130.16	139.70	- 0.48	1.54
International	353.10	375.13†	- 0.28	
Global Bond	54.25	57.11	- 0.06	5.66
Intl Port Tst	108.52	116.06	+ 0.46	0.44
Global Tech	225.42	241.65†	- 2.07	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	195.56	209.12	+ 1.25	0.32
European	717.36	759.41†	- 0.48	0.49
European Income #	106.10	112.57	0.48	2.98
Euro Smlr Cos	225.46	239.96†	- 0.59	1.08
European Value	106.29	113.12†	- 0.06	
-do- Accum	114.78	122.15	- 0.05	
Japan Trust	201.70	214.60	+ 0.22	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Japan Smlr Cos	183.07	194.11	- 0.40	
Pacific Smlr Cos	232.13	247.30†	+ 0.95	
North American	358.66	381.57	- 3.47	...
American Smaller	177.00	188.87†	- 0.38	
HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries 01277 227 300 Dealing 01277 261 010				
Income & Growth #	172.70	181.80	- 1.50	4.98
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4356				
British	140.69	147.32†	- 1.28	1.53
Capital	226.13	236.78	- 1.54	1.54
Dollar	551.86	577.87	- 7.20	
Enterprise Gth	456.56	477.02	- 2.68	0.77
European	318.15	334.19	- 0.17	0.11
Far East	297.22	311.22	+ 2.75	0.53
Financial	£12.83	£13.44	- 9.80	1.32
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	27.46	28.58†	- 0.13	6.47
High Yield #	127.16	133.15	- 1.00	4.47
Income & Growth #	185.95	194.71†	- 1.82	3.35
International	316.49	331.40	- 1.53	0.31
Japanese General	185.44	194.18	+ 0.34	
Japan Tech	83.86	87.81	- 0.08	
Nat Resources	79.35	83.09†	+ 0.04	0.60
Portfolio	90.93	95.22†	- 0.51	1.27
Special Sits	236.91	249.07	- 1.72	0.07
UK Emerging Cos	138.87	145.41	- 0.34	0.85
US Smaller Cos	157.30	164.71	- 0.02	.
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisors 0800 181 880 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	730.30	779.40	- 3.30	4.30
UK Growth	802.50	856.50†	- 5.80	1.44
High Income #	129.70	138.40†	- 0.80	5.54
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	700.30	740.40†	- 10.40	0.28
European Gwth	174.00	184.90	- 0.30	0.20
Japan Gwth	263.90	280.40	+ 1.20	.
Japan Smlr Cos	28.06	29.95	+ 0.04	
Asia	61.41	65.54	+ 0.24	
Sing & Malay Gwth	83.05	88.62†	- 0.05	
Hong Kong Gwth	196.80	209.70	+ 1.90	0.63
Global Bond	21.22	22.36	+ 0.02	4.69
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	194.10	195.10	- 0.90	2.82
Trust Index	135.60	139.70	- 0.10	2.07
THE FOOTSIE FUND	77.91	78.30	- 0.48	2.21
Index Funds-International				
American Index	335.20	336.90	- 4.10	0.89
Eurotrack 100	278.30	279.40	- 0.70	1.29
Japan Index	68.65	68.99	+ 0.29	0.09
Tiger Index	174.30	178.30	+ 1.00	0.08
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	55.85	58.33	- 0.17	1.19
General Funds				
Managed Dist	96.87	101.20†	- 0.30	1.02
Managed	100.30	104.80†	- 0.30	1.02
Rupert Child Fnd	121.70	126.90†	- 1.00	1.81
UK Growth	90.12	83.68†	- 0.35	1.46
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	98.64	105.00	- 0.40	5.18
Gilt & Fixed Int #	27.96	28.87	- 0.12	7.41
UK Inc & Gwth	54.77	57.20†	- 0.32	2.86
UK Income #	422.10	440.80†	- 1.70	4.07
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	66.73	69.13	- 0.76	
Amer Smlr Cos	160.20	167.30	- 0.50	..
-do- Accum	161.90	169.10	- 0.50	.
Europe Gth	272.10	284.20	- 0.30	
-do- Accum	281.50	294.40	- 0.30	.
Euro Smaller Cos	50.21	52.38	- 0.03	
French Growth	110.30	114.70	- 0.20	0.03
-do- Accum	119.40	124.10	- 0.30	0.03
H Kong & China	127.50	132.90	+ 0.90	0.49
Intl Growth	75.27	78.42	- 0.18	0.36
-do- Accum	76.69	79.90	- 0.19	0.36
Japan Gth	27.18	28.33	+ 0.03	
-do- Accum	27.18	28.33	+ 0.03	.
Japan Smaller Cos	30.66	32.00	- 0.21	
Glob Emg Mkts	102.00	106.50	+ 0.30	
-do- Accum	102.80	107.40	+ 0.40	0.11
SE Asia	340.50	355.60	+ 2.00	
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	48.51	51.03†	- 0.09	6.35
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 690445				
UK Income #	120.70	128.70†	- 0.70	3.17
UK Growth	124.30	132.40†	- 0.60	1.59
Hy 5 Europe	112.30	117.90		1.89
Slater Gwth	216.80	231.20	- 0.10	0.87
New Japan	85.26	90.01	+ 0.09	
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	188.00	200.00	+ 1.30	
Income #	248.77	264.64	- 0.92	3.92
UK Growth	96.15	102.28	- 0.52	1.61
Intl Growth	95.12	101.19	- 0.56	0.55
Ecology	110.85	117.92†	- 0.47	0.88
European	238.25	253.45	- 0.09	0.20
Far Eastern	324.30	344.90	- 0.80	
UK Special Sits	60.85	64.90†	- 0.28	0.37
Fd of Inv Tsts	57.90	61.78†	- 0.14	.
High Income #	56.34	60.09†	- 0.34	4.66

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KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	105.40	109.00	- 0.30	6.51
Euro Prm Inc	114.40	121.70	- 0.50	2.75
-do- Accum	114.40	121.70	- 0.50	2.75
Gilt Yield	123.50	130.20	- 0.50	6.21
Global Income	247.50	263.30†	- 1.50	2.97
High Yield	184.60	196.40†	- 2.30	4.75
-do- Accum	622.80	662.50†	- 7.70	4.75
Money Market	99.85	99.35†	+ 0.03	5.65
Smlr Cos Div	66.26	70.49†	- 0.21	3.67
Tomorrows Co Ex Acc	10.89	11.04	- 0.10	3.40
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	163.50	173.90	- 0.20	
Asian Growth	303.30	322.70	+ 1.20	
-do- Accum	356.40	379.10	+ 1.30	
North American	121.50	129.30	- 1.60	
European Special	149.00	158.50	- 0.60	1.06
European	205.60	218.70	- 1.30	0.44
-do- Accum	272.30	289.70	- 1.60	0.44
Global Eqty Inc	134.00	142.30	- 0.80	1.96
Japan	378.40	402.50	- 1.60	
Japanese Special	195.50	208.00	- 0.80	
Smaller Cos	160.10	170.30†	- 0.30	0.92
UK Equity Growth	62.96	66.97	- 0.51	1.06
UK Index Inc	385.00	386.90†	- 3.20	3.43
Benham Tst	115.60	124.20†	+ 4.30	1.77
-do- Accum	117.70	126.40†	+ 4.50	1.77
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	348.09	370.31†	- 1.27	4.46
Esk Growth	107.75	114.63†		1.31
Inc & Growth	79.54	83.56	- 0.50	3.39
Smaller Cos	100.57	106.99†	+ 0.04	1.18
Ever Spec Sit Inc	63.69	67.78†	- 0.29	1.68
Ever Spec Sit Acc	66.83	71.10†	0.29	1.68
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Cap	513.90	545.20	2.40	1.60
UK Inc/Gth #	549.40	582.90	- 2.60	3.29
UK Income #	385.40	408.90†	- 2.00	4.13
UK Sm Cos	321.30	340.60		1.71
Euro Gwth	181.30	191.70	- 0.10	0.15
N Amer Gwth	135.60	144.10	- 1.30	
Japan Growth	54.77	58.11	+ 0.06	
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist	672.40	672.40†	- 3.80	2.44
-do- Accum	874.82	874.02†	8.00	2.44
Equity Income #	114.90	114.90	- 0.50	4.55
UK Tactical Allocation	78.52	78.52	- 0.52	4.08
European	167.90	167.90	- 0.20	0.67
Far Eastern	227.50	227.50	+ 0.30	
Fixed Interest	57.08	57.08	- 0.22	6.73
Gilt	94.18	94.18†	- 0.45	6.06
Global Growth	86.52	86.52†	- 0.21	0.37
Intl Bond	49.85	49.85	+ 0.02	4.85
Japanese	67.16	67.16	- 0.01	
North American	296.50	296.50	- 2.60	0.47
Pacific Growth	121.70	121.70†	+ 0.50	0.44
Pacific Index	48.15	48.15	+ 0.05	2.02
UK Index	88.13	88.78†	- 0.44	2.91
UK Recovery	126.60	126.60†	- 0.40	1.94
UK Smaller Cos	169.80	169.80	+ 0.10	1.35
US Index	97.44	97.44	- 1.01	1.04
European Index	106.10	106.10	- 0.10	1.32
Japan Index	35.18	35.18	+ 0.07	
Worldwide	107.70	107.70†	- 0.40	1.40
LINCOLN UNIT TRUST MGRS				
01452 371 500 Dealing 01452 371 629				
Growth	64.66	69.15	- 0.46	2.47
Income	75.37	80.60	- 0.36	3.51
Far East	49.62	52.00†	+ 0.20	
North American	141.30	150.89	- 1.20	
Global	101.40	108.40	.	0.29
European	114.10	121.60	+ 0.30	0.66
Japan	89.27	95.46	- 0.06	
Intl Currency Bd	56.61	59.97†	- 0.01	4.80
SE Asia	101.20	109.20†	- 0.80	0.35
UK Cap Growth	115.30	123.30†	- 0.90	1.44
Recovery Trust	97.99	104.80†	- 0.50	1.35
Managed	79.37	84.88	- 0.06	1.54
Cash	50.57	50.57	+ 0.01	4.50
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 339 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	467.70	497.60†	.	2.00
-do- Accum	£11.28	£12.01	.	2.00
Contl Euro Gth	92.12	96.97		0.06
-do- Accum	99.76	105.10	.	0.06
Extra Inc #	321.80	342.40†		3.76
Extra Inc Acc #	912.30	970.60		3.76
FTSE 100 Inc	146.90	156.30	..	2.13
FTSE 100 Acc	153.40	163.20	.	2.13
German Gth	163.50	172.20	..	
-do- Accum	171.50	180.60		
Growth Port	736.90	784.00		0.05
-do- Accum	767.90	817.00	.	0.05
High Interest Inc	106.10	110.00		7.27
High Interest Acc	115.90	120.20		7.27
Hi Reserve Inc #	115.90	123.70†		5.81
Hi Reserve Acc #	130.80	139.20	.	5.81
Income Inc #	635.80	676.40†		3.17
Income Acc #	£18.45	£19.63		3.17
Income Port	627.90	668.00†	.	4.06
-do- Accum	723.60	769.80		4.06
Japan Growth	94.30	100.40	.	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	94.63	100.70		
Master Trust	74.03	78.76		1.26
-do- Accum	85.49	90.95	...	1.26
Millennium Acc	108.80	115.60		2.05
N American Gen	276.30	294.00		
-do- Accum	319.60	340.30		.
NAm Sm Co Rec	187.50	199.50	.	
-do- Accum	191.30	203.60	.	
Pacific Basin	240.40	255.80	.	0.45
-do- Accum	256.30	272.70	.	0.45
Safety First Acc	104.80	118.40	.	1.80
Do until 12/1/98 ‡	99.27		..	.
Small Cos Rec	558.10	587.50†		1.71
-do- Accum	777.10	818.00		1.71
UK Eq Gth	189.80	202.00	...	2.28
UK Eq Inc #	142.70	150.30	. .	3.76
UK Growth	130.70	128.90		1.62
-do- Accum	152.60	162.40		1.62
Worldwide Gth	384.80	409.30		0.31
-do- Accum	569.00	605.40	..	0.31
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
American	100.42	107.47	- 1.63	0.60
General	122.77	131.19†	- 0.37	2.60
Income	83.20	89.27	- 0.24	4.70
International	79.50	85.30	- 0.16	0.50
Japan	52.82	56.63	+ 0.31	
Tst of Inv Trusts	82.69	88.72†	- 0.11	0.90
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	573.20	605.30	- 5.50	0.32
-do- Accum	718.20	758.58	- 6.90	0.32
Amer Recovery	665.70	704.00†	- 6.00	0.02
-do- Accum	769.50	814.10†	- 7.80	0.02
Amer Smlr Cos	158.00	167.10	- 0.80	
-do- Accum	161.40	170.80	- 0.70	..
Australasian	225.60	238.60	- 0.60	1.89
-do- Accum	286.00	302.60	- 0.70	1.89
Capital	1052.80	1113.30	- 3.50	2.73
-do- Accum	1270.10	1343.00	- 4.30	2.73
Charifund	877.30	886.10†	- 7.50	5.42
-do- Accum	4696.30	4743.30†	- 8.10	5.42
Commodity	504.60	533.60	- 3.00	0.38
-do- Accum	748.50	789.40	- 4.40	0.38
Compound Gth	1214.70	1284.50†	- 7.80	2.66
-do- Accum	1358.40	1436.50†	- 8.60	2.66
Corporate Bond	27.27	27.37	- 0.17	6.60
Dividend	48.70	51.50†	- 0.20	4.56
-do- Accum	224.40	237.70†	- 0.80	4.56
Equity Income	356.40	376.50	- 0.70	5.38
-do- Accum	505.10	584.10	- 1.00	5.38
Euro & General	729.90	771.90	- 1.60	0.62
-do- Accum	937.40	991.40	- 2.00	0.62
Euro Dividend	91.90	97.20	- 0.50	3.40
-do- Accum	117.90	124.80	- 0.60	3.40
Euro Smlr Cos	58.30	87.60†	- 0.10	0.50
-do- Accum	58.50	61.80†	- 0.10	0.50
Extra Yield	520.90	550.80	- 1.70	4.86
-do- Accum	1788.00	1890.90	- 5.70	4.86
Fund of Inv Tsts	768.50	812.70†	- 1.20	1.38
-do- Accum	1499.20	1585.60†	- 1.50	1.28
General	77.90	82.40	- 0.50	3.54
-do- Accum	233.80	247.40	- 1.50	3.54
Gilt Income	64.68	64.79†	- 0.43	6.20
-do- Accum	204.44	204.77†	- 1.38	6.20
Gold	65.40	69.20	- 0.90	0.96
-do- Accum	78.50	83.10	- 1.10	0.96
High Income	37.10	39.20	- 0.20	4.45
-do- Accum	161.40	170.60	- 0.80	4.45
Intl Growth	97.80	103.30	- 0.50	0.73
-do- Accum	172.90	182.80	- 0.90	0.73
International Inc	119.90	126.80†	- 0.60	4.17
-do- Accum	194.90	206.20†	- 1.00	4.17
Japan & Gen	34.80	36.70†	- 0.19	...
-do- Accum	37.30	39.40†	- 0.10	...
Japan Smlr Cos	121.20	128.20†	- 0.40	
-do- Accum	122.00	129.00†	- 0.50	..
Managed Gwth	38.80	39.40	- 0.20	1.51
Managed Income	32.60	34.20†	- 0.20	4.12
Midland	62.70	66.30†	- 0.18	3.45
-do- Accum	223.90	236.00†	- 0.40	3.15
Pension Ex	1191.60	1221.40†	- 1.70	3.83
Recovery	50.60	53.50	- 0.10	2.77
-do- Accum	87.80	92.80	- 0.20	2.77
Second General	79.90	84.50	- 0.30	3.77
-do- Accum	221.10	233.80	- 0.80	3.77
Smaller Cos	68.00	71.90	- 0.10	3.08
-do- Accum	142.90	151.20	- 0.20	3.06
Sth East Asia	397.70	420.60	- 0.80	1.27
-do- Accum	532.60	564.40	- 1.00	1.27
Treasury	25.17	25.21†		5.98
Trustee	47.50	50.20†	- 0.30	4.89
-do- Accum	210.70	222.80†	- 1.40	4.89
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	117.81	125.11†	- 0.48	0.37
Intl Bond	62.08	65.19†	- 0.12	4.77
Intl Equity Growth	93.21	99.09†	- 0.34	0.45
N Amer Growth	152.59	162.06	- 2.29	0.73
Special Sits Growth	31.91	33.94	- 0.13	1.97
UK Growth	526.08	559.65†	- 2.75	2.44
-do- Accum	733.85	780.69	- 3.83	2.44
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01628 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1529.90	1553.10†	.	2.70
Income #	1115.70	1132.20		4.40
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	185.80	189.90	.	4.63
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
High Inc #	99.00	102.10	.	6.43
M & S Inv Ptflo	195.90	202.00	- 1.40	2.35
-do- Accum	234.80	242.10	- 1.60	2.35
UK Sel Ptflo	178.80	184.30	- 1.50	2.31
-do- Accum	217.70	224.40	- 1.80	2.31
UK 100 Cos	138.00	138.80	- 1.30	2.41
-do- Accum	141.40	141.40	- 1.40	2.41
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	72.84	77.49	.	1.39
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4848				
Intl Income	94.58	100.40	- 0.40	2.92
European	117.60	124.80	+ 0.10	0.37
Income #	95.02	100.90†	- 0.60	3.09
Nth American	108.20	114.90	- 0.60	0.02
Far East	189.90	201.60	+ 0.60	0.18
Japan	62.11	65.93	+ 0.50	.
Emerging Mkts	97.20	104.00	+ 0.10	
Intl Growth	147.60	156.00†		0.37
UK Growth	136.40	144.80	- 0.60	2.21
UK Smlr Co	66.83	70.94†	- 0.06	1.45
Asia Pacific	39.96	42.74	+ 0.17	0.36
Glob Gwth PEP	72.06	76.49	+ 0.06	0.31
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0161 831 7433				
Select Portfolio	109.40	116.40†	+ 0.60	.
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	530.87	564.76	- 3.88	3.11
Global Inc	82.28	87.53	- 0.57	3.42
Bal Leaders	429.29	456.68	- 4.02	1.59
Intl Leaders	254.66	270.91	- 3.29	0.65
PAM Mg Bal Gth	75.40	78.50	+ 0.75	0.34
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0800 445522				
American	307.80	324.60	- 4.10	
-do- Accum	329.10	347.10	- 4.40	
American Opps	118.80	126.70	- 0.90	
-do- Accum	120.30	128.30	- 0.90	
British Blue Chip	112.10	119.70†	- 1.10	2.53
-do- Accum	146.20	156.20†	- 1.50	2.53
Cash	100.40	100.40	.	5.73
-do- Accum	152.30	152.30	..	5.73
Emerging Mkts	147.10	158.20	+ 0.400	0.65
-do- Accum	149.00	160.20	+ 0.400	0.65
European Growth	379.80	401.80	- 0.40	0.47
-do- Accum	414.10	438.10	- 0.40	0.47
European Income	100.50	106.10	- 0.40	3.86
-do- Accum	146.00	154.20	- 0.60	3.86
General	675.10	718.80	- 4.50	2.19
-do- Accum	1399.00	1489.00	- 10.00	2.19
Global Bond	127.70	134.10	- 0.50	4.89
-do- Accum	173.60	182.30	- 0.60	4.89
Gold & General	189.90	203.70	- 2.50	0.36
-do- Accum	196.50	210.80	- 2.60	0.36
Govt Securities	98.50	101.50	- 0.40	5.16
-do- Accum	211.50	218.00	- 0.90	5.16
High Yield Bd	106.10	108.60	- 0.60	6.47
-do- Accum	115.80	118.70	- 0.40	6.47
Income	214.60	228.00†	- 1.40	3.95
-do- Accum	366.20	389.10†	- 2.50	3.95
Inc Portfolio #	121.80	128.90†	- 0.70	4.87
-do- Accum #	136.10	144.10†	- 0.80	4.87
Intl Opps	589.70	638.70	+ 0.200	0.75
-do- Accum	612.40	668.60	+ 0.200	0.75
Japan	168.70	179.90	+ 0.100	.
-do- Accum	173.10	184.60	+ 0.100	
New Europe	268.30	286.20	- 0.10	0.98
-do- Accum	281.60	300.40	- 0.20	0.98
Pacific	109.10	116.40	+ 0.200	0.47
-do- Accum	117.50	125.30	+ 0.200	0.47
Recovery	510.10	544.10†	- 1.20	1.79
-do- Accum	679.30	724.00†	- 1.50	1.79
UK Smaller Cos	66.06	70.46	+ 0.030	1.44
-do- Accum	76.44	81.54	+ 0.050	1.44
Portfolio	102.90	109.20†	- 0.60	2.36
-do- Accum	128.70	136.63†	- 0.70	2.36
Managed Gth	133.60	139.80	- 0.40	1.81
Managed Inc	130.70	135.60	- 0.70	3.93
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	179.56	191.02†	- 0.44	0.12
Portfolio	89.46	95.17	- 0.54	1.28
UK Income Inc	104.78	111.47	- 0.63	4.24
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	76.28	79.87	- 0.39	2.44
-do- Accum	85.45	89.49	- 0.43	2.44
British Tst	123.30	129.10	- 1.10	2.11
-do- Accum	150.80	157.90	- 1.30	2.11
Corp Bond Inc	102.50	106.20†	- 0.50	6.39
-do- Accum	107.70	111.60†	- 0.50	6.39
Extra High Inc	77.30	80.94	- 0.25	6.39
-do- Accum	171.10	179.20	- 0.50	6.39
FTSE 100 Acc	83.40	87.33	- 0.55	2.13
FTSE 100 Dist	77.72	81.38	- 0.51	2.13
Gilt & Fxd Int	57.98	60.33	- 0.31	6.40
-do- Accum	189.60	197.30	- 1.00	6.40
High Yield	260.80	273.10†	- 1.00	5.48
-do- Accum	747.00	782.20†	- 3.00	5.48
Household Names	107.80	107.50	- 0.70	2.14
Income	365.40	382.60	- 1.90	3.87
-do- Accum	871.70	912.80	- 4.50	3.87
Money Market UT	49.37	49.37†	+ 0.03	5.33
-do- Accum	85.39	85.39†	+ 0.05	5.33

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Monthly Income	105.40	110.40†	- 0.40	3.98
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	158.30	168.30	- 1.29	1.17
European Growth	157.50	166.90	+ 0.10	0.01
Gilt & Fixed	106.80	113.10	- 0.50	4.91
Income	119.90	127.50	- 0.50	2.80
Japan Growth	45.50	48.23	+ 0.37	
Managed	93.29	99.24	- 0.47	1.77
Money Market	98.37	104.30	+ 0.10	3.85
North American	125.60	133.20	+ 0.80	0.34
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	143.40	152.80	- 1.10	1.16
European Growth	147.70	156.80	+ 0.20	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	99.90	105.90	- 0.50	4.96
Income	117.40	124.90	- 0.50	2.06
Japan Growth	45.32	48.04	+ 0.38	.
Managed	89.66	95.38	- 0.42	1.74
Money Market	90.62	96.06	+ 0.07	3.83
North American	112.80	119.60	+ 0.70	0.41
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	142.20	151.30	- 1.00	1.16
European Growth	144.50	153.20	+ 0.20	
Gilt & Fixed Int	90.01	95.47	- 0.45	5.17
Income	114.00	121.30	- 0.80	2.11
Japan Growth	46.66	49.46	+ 0.37	.
Managed	92.37	98.27	- 0.45	1.76
Money Market	82.25	87.18	+ 0.05	3.89
North American	126.60	134.20	+ 0.80	0.31
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171				
American Gwth	502.60	533.30	- 7.30	...
European Gth Inc	642.70	684.60	- 0.20	.
-do- Accum	648.70	692.10	- 0.20	.
Intl Gwth	254.10	269.40†	- 1.50	..
UK Equity Inc	248.20	264.90†	- 1.80	3.90
Do. Accum	343.80	365.80†	- 1.70	3.90
UK Growth Inc	143.40	153.70	- 0.80	3.10
-do- Accum	147.80	158.50	- 0.50	3.10
UK Intl Trckr Inc	222.50	237.50	- 1.20	2.84
-do- Accum	278.00	296.80	- 1.50	2.84
US Eq Intl Trk Inc	322.90	341.10	- 4.40	0.98
Japan Tracker	84.05	87.57†	+ 0.19	
Asian Tracker	222.30	239.80†	+ 0.70	0.28
Mngd Ptflo Inc	207.60	221.30	- 0.70	1.80
Mngd Ptflo Acc	227.80	242.80	- 0.80	1.80
Deposit Inc	100.09	100.09†	+ 0.04	5.82
Europe	278.80	298.40	- 0.20	..
Genesis	225.20	243.20†		2.33
High Income	21.27	22.58†	- 0.01	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 933				
Acumen	119.60	122.30†		1.84
Acumen Inc	107.70	110.00†	- 0.10	1.84
Acumen Reserve	102.18	103.20†	- 0.40	6.59
-do- Inc	76.65	77.42†	- 0.35	6.59
American Growth	75.51	77.53	- 0.28	..
Equity Income #	119.70	122.80	- 0.58	3.71
European	97.63	99.37	+ 0.20	0.12
Smaller Cos	103.30	108.00	- 0.20	0.94
W'wide Eqty	84.51	86.18†	+ 0.10	.
Global Bond	41.61	42.05†	+ 0.10	4.73
UK Growth	130.40	134.20†	.	1.13
Pacific Growth	115.69	119.09	+ 0.20	0.54
Japan Growth	91.86	93.40	+ 0.73	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	169.97	180.82	- 1.54	2.27
For NSP see Abbey National				
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
American Dist	138.00	145.30	- 1.80	0.23
European Dist	173.50	182.60†	- 0.50	0.28
Far East Dist	180.30	189.80	+ 0.50	. .
Global Care Dist	94.78	99.77	- 0.44	0.48
Oseas Dist	1196.00	1259.00	- 2.30	..
-do- Accum	1554.50	1636.30	- 3.00	.
UK Dist	488.40	514.10†	- 2.60	1.64
-do- Accum	1012.00	1065.30	- 5.50	1.64
UK Extra Inc Dist	103.30	108.60	- 0.30	3
Wwide Dist	127.00	132.70†	- 0.60	0.09
Wwide Inc Dist	94.50	99.47†	- 0.43	1.45
NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Dlg: 01277 690 280 Admin Enq: 01277 690 398				
Europe Inc	92.29	97.40	- 0.05	0.31
Fund of Funds Inc	78.80	81.09	- 0.14	1.27
North America Inc	73.83	77.92†	- 0.76	. .
UK Equity Gth Inc	77.24	81.52†	- 0.34	1.89
-do- Accum	84.74	89.14	- 0.36	1.89
UK General Inc	74.07	78.17†	- 0.45	2.37
-do- Accum	83.01	87.61	- 0.50	2.37
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	49.15	51.77†	- 0.29	5.30
UK Income Inc	74.04	78.14†	- 0.44	3.98
UK Smlr Cos Inc	126.40	133.40†	.	0.97
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0800 614 330 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American	56.32	59.91	- 0.28	
-do- Accum	56.76	60.38	- 0.27	.
Bond	129.23	137.11	- 0.32	5.54
Cash Income	50.12	50.12†	+ 0.02	5.28
-do- Accum	70.95	70.95†	+ 0.02	5.28
Distributor	117.50	125.00	- 0.85	2.67
European	65.33	69.50	- 0.39	
Foundation	122.29	130.09	- 2.64	2.37
General Inc	256.84	273.23	- 1.16	1.21
General Acc	260.54	277.17	- 1.17	1.21
Growth Inc	160.74	170.99†	- 0.95	1.87
Growth Acc	166.77	177.41†	- 0.98	1.87
Higher Income Inc	37.14	39.51	- 0.18	4.55
-do- Accum	46.05	48.98	- 0.20	4.55
Income	307.17	326.77†	+ 1.93	3.02
Integral	166.08	172.99†	..	1.29
Intl Gwth	42.28	44.97†	- 0.24	.
Japan	27.73	29.49	- 0.17	.
Oriental Inc	147.36	156.76	+ 0.52	0.48
-do- Accum	152.62	162.36	+ 0.54	0.48
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2555				
High Income #	53.19	56.29†	- 0.24	5.65
UK Growth	128.10	135.60	.	2.42
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	156.71	163.91	- 0.34	1.09
UK Equity	192.17	202.28	- 1.35	2.52
UK Equity Income	170.58	179.58†	- 0.91	3.31
UK Smaller Cos	153.74	161.83	+ 0.05	1.29
UK Equity Growth	167.82	176.65	- 1.54	1.05
UK Index Trckg	189.74	204.47	- 1.83	2.45
Intl Index Trckg	187.05	197.41	- 1.12	0.73
International	299.26	315.01†	- 0.86	0.58
European	290.09	305.36	+ 0.10	0.07
Pan European	180.87	199.86†	- 0.82	1.09
Nth American	268.66	282.80†	- 2.85	0.40
N Amer Smlr Cos	278.64	293.31	+ 0.85	.
Japanese	88.86	93.54	..	
Pacific	232.79	245.04	+ 0.89	0.44
South East Asian	269.35	283.53†	+ 1.62	0.55
Sterling Bond	104.60	110.11†	- 0.62	6.57
Intl Bond	126.00	132.63	- 0.05	4.36
Gilt & Convertible	114.65	120.69	- 0.72	5.75
Property	88.31	92.96	- 0.02	5.58
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	391.90	419.60†	- 1.30	0.12
-do- Accum	416.50	446.00†	- 1.40	0.12
Japan Inc	98.40	104.40	+ 0.10	.
Nth American Inc	178.90	187.40	- 2.80	0.03
Worldwide Inc	199.50	212.80	- 1.30	0.11
Hong Kong Inc	206.90	220.60	+ 1.70	0.91
Swiss Equities Inc	102.60	109.70†	+ 0.60	.
Wwide Bond Inc	67.42	71.26	- 0.10	5.07
Emging Asia Inc	182.80	197.30	+ 1.10	
-do- Accum	183.50	198.10	+ 1.20	
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.11	50.11†	+ 0.02	5.25
Thailand Inc	72.89	79.40	+ 2.66	2.71
New Zealand Inc	100.90	107.90	- 0.50	2.24
Int Mngd PEP Inc	80.21	85.85	- 0.52	0.59
Latin Am Cmp Inc	79.58	85.13	+ 0.33	0.79
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	80.30	81.62	- 0.42	2.13
Broker Unit Trusts				
Way Global Blue	88.29	94.76	+ 0.45	.
Global Portfolio	78.02	83.44	+ 0.40	
Way Global Red	68.81	73.53†	+ 0.42	.
Marsh Global Gth	69.35	73.54†	+ 0.04	
AMR Bal Gwth Inc	120.70	129.30†	- 0.70	0.67
Temple Equity Inc	52.44	56.95	- 0.07	2.66
Hadley Growth	133.30	141.60	- 0.18	0.27
Intl Growth Inc	86.09	92.07	+ 0.22	0.01
IPS Portfolio Inc	100.10	107.10	- 0.80	
Premier Portfos Inc	71.09	76.03	.	1.28
Roxburgh Strat Gth	80.72	86.33	+ 0.11	0.16
UFC Growth	68.98	73.78	+ 0.20	.
Chartfield Port of Fds	58.85	62.44	+ 0.14	
Lowes Intl Growth	49.39	51.98		1.24
PM UT MGRS LTD				
0171 588 3953				
Equity Gth	259.40	276.00	- 1.00	1.40
European Gth	153.40	162.40†	+ 0.50	0.26
Income & Gth #	175.40	186.60	- 0.30	2.84
Japan Gth	99.89	105.30†	+ 0.20	.
Nth Amer Gth	247.40	262.80†	- 2.40	0.10
Overseas Gth	135.40	143.90†	- 0.10	...
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 526 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	322.40	342.90	- 1.80	1.73
-do- Accum	713.30	758.80	- 3.80	1.73
Growth	205.30	216.10†	- 1.00	2.10
Income	305.90	325.30†	- 0.80	3.45
Intl Equity	306.00	325.50	- 0.80	0.13
-do- Accum	342.70	364.50	- 0.90	0.13
Equity Income #	84.63	90.03	+ 0.97	4.75
Equity Growth	108.00	114.80	- 0.60	1.29
New Europe	119.10	126.60	- 0.30	...
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	773.44	826.40	- 4.44	0.45
-do- Accum	778.24	831.54	- 4.46	0.45
Income	523.81	560.23†	- 3.52	2.67
Wwide Recovery	501.96	536.86	- 2.40	0.40
Amer Growth Inc	317.73	338.01	- 1.77	0.01
-do- Accum	317.73	338.01	- 1.77	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	297.04	317.70	- 1.67	0.60
Far Estn Gwth Inc	313.01	334.78	- 0.45	0.72
-do- Accum	316.92	338.96	- 0.46	0.72
Euro Gwth Inc	217.89	232.58	- 1.62	0.47
-do- Accum	218.65	233.39	- 1.63	0.47
UK Growth Inc	134.50	143.86	- 1.18	2.33
-do- Accum	147.84	158.12	- 1.20	2.33
High Income	136.63	146.06	- 0.75	3.10
Jap Gwth Inc	179.46	191.94	- 1.20	0.01
-do- Accum	179.46	191.94	- 1.20	0.01
PEP Bond	59.95	62.63	- 0.22	6.84
PEP Growth	163.50	174.83	- 0.09	0.51
Asian Sir Mkts Inc	134.96	144.35	- 0.17	0.28
-do- Accum	135.39	144.81	- 0.18	0.28
Amer Smlr Co Inc	199.89	213.57	- 0.94	0.01
-do- Accum	199.89	213.57	- 0.94	0.01
Global Bond	54.65	57.62	- 0.19	4.79
UK Smaller Cos Inc	116.79	124.91	- 0.45	1.61
-do- Accum	124.42	133.07	- 0.47	1.61
Lat Am Gwth Inc	39.99	42.78†	- 0.02	0.63
-do- Accum	40.69	43.52	- 0.02	0.63
World Inc PEP #	48.60	51.43	- 0.24	4.00
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0191 201 3927				
American	144.32	153.53†	+ 0.84	.
European	110.38	117.43	+ 0.22	
Global	74.04	78.77	+ 0.33	.
Pacific	57.70	61.16†	+ 0.16	.
UK Inc & Gth	90.51	96.29	+ 0.29	1.41
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Asia Acc	51.79	54.98†	- 0.08	0.10
Emerg Mkt	49.95	53.00	- 0.09	0.90
Euro Fund Acc	48.23	51.17	+ 0.11	0.13
Fund of Funds Inc	214.39	225.67	+ 0.39	0.53
Fund of Funds Acc	216.33	227.72	+ 0.39	0.53
High Income #	58.40	61.47†	+ 0.11	5.29
Performance	52.78	56.00†	+ 0.10	
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	189.60	196.06	- 0.70	2.17
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	137.10	145.90	- 0.30	2.86
Com & Gilt	125.10	133.10†	+ 0.10	4.71
Euro Spc Sit Acc	109.58	116.50	- 0.50	0.06
Extra Income	199.70	212.50	- 2.80	4.29
-do- Accum	265.20	282.20	- 3.40	4.29
Far East	401.80	427.40	- 0.30	0.57
-do- Accum	410.20	436.40	- 0.30	0.57
Global Income	30.89	32.77	- 0.01	3.98
High Income	152.00	161.70†	- 1.10	4.18
-do- Accum	198.90	211.60	- 1.40	4.18
International	234.70	249.70	- 0.60	0.47
-do- Accum	244.50	260.10	- 0.60	0.47
Pref & Fxd Int	48.84	52.08†	+ 0.57	6.51
Recovery	98.88	105.20†	- 0.30	2.14

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	160.70	171.00	- 1.30	1.48
-do- Accum	179.30	190.80	- 1.40	1.48
Technology	704.50	749.80	- 6.90	...
UK Blue Chip	103.10	109.70	- 0.50	2.68
-do- Accum	121.50	129.20	- 0.70	2.68
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
UT Dealing: 0345 406080 Client Enq: 0345 835500				
Managed Tst	48.67	51.47	- 0.12	1.36
Cash Haven Inc	100.84	101.43†	+ 0.03	5.26
Cash Haven Acc	121.81	122.41	+ 0.04	5.26
Dist Trust Inc	113.49	117.58†	- 0.48	5.32
Dist Trust Acc	131.65	136.42†	- 0.50	5.32
Global Growth	116.46	123.91	- 0.39	1.00
Equity Inc	97.63	103.89†	- 0.82	4.10
Equity	£10.08	£10.72†	- 5.25	2.09
European	312.44	323.77	+ 0.41	0.59
High Income	101.60	107.45†	- 0.57	4.73
Intl Gth	240.56	255.94	- 0.89	0.77
Intl Sm Co	102.15	108.67†	- 0.06	0.44
Japanese	189.65	196.84†	- 0.76	
Mgd Income Tst #	50.34	52.04†	- 0.18	7.74
Nth Amer	272.91	292.73†	- 2.58	0.08
Pacific Mkts	114.01	118.15	+ 0.32	0.59
Premier Inc	49.32	51.38†	- 0.08	6.41
Sm Cos	114.90	122.23†	- 0.16	1.87
Spec Sits	143.42	152.57	- 0.70	2.25
UK Growth	170.32	181.19	- 1.09	2.11
QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 6966				
HI Inc Inv Inc	94.16	99.03	+ 0.01	3.32
Investment Tst	127.70	134.28	- 0.03	0.96
UK Smaller Cos	117.28	123.32	+ 0.03	1.36
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	389.10	412.80	- 1.80	2.45
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 623 1000				
Five Arrows Funds				
America (Inc)	771.98	817.88	- 8.29	...
America (Acc)	904.51	958.31	- 9.72	.
Amer Smlr Cos	66.15	70.40	- 0.31	.
Asia	52.93	56.60	+ 0.06	.
European	471.72	500.51	+ 0.06	0.02
Japan	210.40	223.82	+ 1.30	
Jap Smlr Cos	33.82	36.39	- 0.13	..
Major UK Cos	138.99	148.25	- 0.68	1.57
Smlr UK Cos	452.86	492.52	+ 0.05	0.76
UK Equity Inc #	206.94	221.21†	- 0.84	3.84
Five Arrows Portfolio Fund				
Asia Pacific	51.29	53.56	- 0.07	
Cash	48.47	48.47	.	2.84
Emerging Mkts	53.40	55.77	+ 0.14	..
Europe	71.08	74.24	+ 0.18	.
Global Fixed Int #	49.56	52.17	+ 0.08	5.31
Japan	38.72	40.43	+ 0.28	..
North America	74.06	77.34	+ 0.42	
UK	74.49	77.79	+ 0.23	0.57
UK Equity Inc #	70.02	73.12	+ 0.20	3.49
UK Fixed Int #	53.36	55.72	- 0.06	7.10
Portfolio Service PEP				
Pep Grth Port	56.19	58.22	+ 0.16	..
Pep Inc Port #	56.40	58.44	+ 0.13	2.90
RAM Personal Pension				
Deposit	92.79	97.67	+ 0.04	
Gilt	110.19	115.98	- 0.65	
Managed	132.47	139.43	- 0.24	.
Portfolio	55.33	58.24	+ 0.20	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq. 01733 390 000				
United States	140.40	149.20	- 1.20	0.28
Pacific Basin	78.06	83.74	+ 0.33	0.31
High Inc Dist	188.60	198.90	+ 0.90	3.56
Ryl Life Int Cmry	67.84	71.70	+ 0.00	3.96
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	86.38	91.99		0.08
Ryl Life Intl Spec	77.82	82.78†	+ 0.43	..
UK Emerging Cos	147.10	159.00†	+ 0.50	1.30
UK Index Trckg	229.50	242.80†	+ 0.60	3.28
European	200.10	214.70	+ 1.90	0.18
Managed	201.68	217.90	+ 0.60	0.89
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	221.90	235.80	- 1.40	1.04
European Growth	165.50	175.70	+ 1.20	1.80
Far East Growth	149.90	159.50	- 0.10	0.78
Japan Growth	115.50	122.70†	+ 2.00	. .
Special Sits	277.40	295.10	+ 0.80	1.67
UK Growth	129.90	138.60	+ 0.10	2.43
Intl Growth	313.00	333.80†	+ 1.30	1.54
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 8500				
Far East Inc	171.90	181.90	- 0.20	0.48
Gth Euro Prog Inc	488.20	516.80	..	0.85
-do- Accum	768.00	810.60		0.85
Growth Inc	168.50	178.30	- 0.10	0.58
-do- Accum	173.20	183.30	- 0.10	0.58
International Inc	445.80	471.70	- 1.00	0.59
-do- Accum	616.90	652.80	- 1.30	0.59
Nth Am & Intl Inc	429.50	454.50	- 1.10	0.19
UK Gen Prog Inc	282.40	298.80	- 0.80	0.87
-do- Accum	327.30	346.30	- 0.80	0.87
UK High Inc Inc	169.70	179.60	- 0.10	3.95
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
Asian Gwth	131.34	139.72	+ 0.10	0.75
European Gwth	110.80	117.86	- 0.10	1.00
Global Bd	60.57	64.00	- 0.14	5.00
Japan	50.10	53.29	+ 0.19	.
UK Gwth	98.03	104.28	- 0.13	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
Clients: 0800 829 100 Brokerline. 0800 727 770				
Amer Smlr Cos	151.10	160.70	- 0.10	.
Cash	139.20	139.20		5.71
China Dragon	80.11	85.22†	- 0.73	0.90
Commodity	145.90	155.20	+ 0.10	
Emerging Mkts	42.31	45.01	- 0.28	0.40
European Gwth	280.20	298.10	+ 0.50	0.56
Euro Smlr Cos	80.38	85.51	+ 0.78	0.04
Extra Income #	83.16	85.45†	- 0.28	5.38
Far Eastern	100.50	106.80†	+ 0.60	
FE Sm Cos	44.62	47.47	+ 0.43	
Financial Secs	381.70	406.10	- 2.80	1.34
Gold & Exploration	86.07	91.56	- 0.42	
Growth	505.30	507.80	- 1.80	1.64
High Income	51.08	51.08†	- 0.20	8.70
Intl Bond	157.30	168.20	+ 0.50	5.36
IRU	258.60	275.10†	- 0.80	0.97
Japan Growth	153.30	162.70	+ 1.10	...
Japan Smaller	147.80	157.20†	+ 1.20	
Korea	37.81	40.22	+ 1.01	
Latin America	48.81	51.93	- 0.24	0.38
Mastershard	69.75	70.10	- 0.81	0.63
Premier Eq Gth	192.52	204.80	- 0.70	1.43
Premier Eq Inc #	412.40	438.70†	- 10.30	4.38
SE Asia	47.39	50.41†	+ 0.15	.
Southern Africa	57.69	61.37	- 0.36	1.33
UK & O'seas	225.60	240.00	- 0.90	0.79
UK Eqty Gth	94.94	101.00†	- 0.30	0.39
UK Eqty Inc #	299.00	318.10	- 1.80	4.61
UK Gth & Inc #	346.80	368.90	- 2.20	3.09
UK Sm Cos	63.48	67.53	- 1.36	1.02
US Growth	242.10	257.60	- 3.00	.
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Cust: 0800 526 535 Bnkr 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	393.88	416.50†	- 3.69	0.62
-do- Accum	437.16	462.29†	- 4.08	0.62
European Gwth	105.18	111.56†	- 0.50	0.48
Euro Smlr Cos	125.28	133.26	- 0.10	0.16
Far Eastern Gth	107.40	114.55	+ 0.35	.
-do- Accum	109.47	116.76	+ 0.35	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	54.48	57.40	- 0.27	6.92
Global Bond #	47.45	49.02	- 0.12	6.17
-do- Accum #	57.94	59.88	- 0.14	6.17
Global Emer Mkts	58.04	61.90†	+ 0.19	
-do- Accum	58.09	61.96†	+ 0.05	.
Income #	475.42	507.11	- 2.98	4.48
-do- Accum #	£16.40	£17.50	- 10.26	4.48
Japan Smlr Cos	331.46	353.55	- 0.10	
-do- Accum	332.12	354.26	- 0.10	.
Japan Enterprise	82.14	86.20†	+ 0.27	
Pacific Gwth	159.40	170.02	+ 0.57	0.53
-do- Accum	165.70	176.75	+ 0.60	0.53
Portfolio	105.56	112.55	- 0.62	1.57
-do- Accum	118.34	126.19	- 0.69	1.57
Seoul	32.30	34.45†	+ 0.76	.
-do- Accum	32.30	34.45†	+ 0.76	.
Smaller Cos	364.19	388.46	+ 0.05	1.10
-do- Accum	433.89	462.82	+ 0.07	1.10
Strategic Inc	110.27	117.62	- 0.17	2.43
Strategic Acc	112.13	119.60	- 0.17	2.43
Tokyo	126.60	135.04	+ 0.06	
-do- Accum	127.68	136.41	+ 0.07	
UK Enterprise	369.72	394.36	- 0.30	2.14
-do- Accum	463.24	494.11	- 0.38	2.14
UK Equity	344.57	367.54	- 2.44	2.32
-do- Accum	702.71	749.55	- 4.99	2.32
US Smlr Cos	254.42	271.37†	+ 0.07	
-do- Accum	254.42	271.37†	+ 0.07	..
Institutional Funds				
European	339.56	352.60	- 1.08	1.09
-do- Accum	385.37	400.17	- 1.22	1.09
Euro Smlr Cos	40.67	42.29†	+ 0.11	0.93
-do- Accum	44.14	45.90†	+ 0.11	0.93
Global Equity Inc	101.99	106.21†	- 0.31	0.92
Japan Smlr Cos	30.99	32.27	+ 0.07	0.11
-do- Accum	31.29	32.58	+ 0.07	0.11
Mngd Balanced	242.73	252.84	- 0.75	3.34
-do- Accum	290.23	302.32	- 0.90	3.34
Overseas Equity	240.68	250.70	- 0.27	0.87
-do- Accum	253.49	264.05	- 0.22	0.87
Oseas Smlr Cos	142.45	148.38	+ 0.12	0.81
-do- Accum	151.27	157.57	+ 0.13	0.81
Pacific	282.71	294.48†	+ 0.72	1.44
-do- Accum	316.70	329.90†	+ 0.82	1.44
Recovery	£25.31	£26.37	- 1.08	3.02
-do- Accum	£28.17	£29.34	- 1.19	3.02
UK Index	211.26	220.06†	- 1.44	3.10
-do- Accum	278.01	289.59†	- 1.90	3.10
UK Small Cos	154.63	161.07	- 0.26	2.44
-do- Accum	173.15	180.36	- 0.29	2.44
US Smlr Cos	70.09	72.98†	+ 0.03	0.54
-do- Accum	72.11	75.08†	+ 0.02	0.54
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	69.34	73.33	+ 0.24	2.41
Equity Trust	88.94	94.06	+ 0.04	2.53
Equity Strategy	99.22	104.93	+ 0.04	1.09
European Opps	122.62	129.88	+ 0.05	0.10
UK Smaller Cos	87.96	93.02	+ 0.02	1.09
Midcomm Inc	99.52	102.11	+ 0.04	6.39
Japanese	69.63	73.63	+ 0.44	.
Asia Pacific	119.83	126.72	+ 0.63	0.52
American	156.16	165.14	- 2.10	0.07
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	34.22	34.22†	+ 0.01	5.71
UK Eq Gwth Inc	70.81	75.52†	- 0.53	3.00
-do- Accum	96.08	102.49†	- 0.71	3.00
Intl Income	326.04	347.95†	- 1.09	1.42
-do- Accum	579.13	616.43†	- 1.91	1.42
European	120.38	127.76†	- 0.07	1.35
Japan	50.76	52.76†		0.19
American	114.08	120.55†	- 1.58	1.17
Far East Tact	86.35	92.11	+ 0.23	1.38
Ethical Inc	44.25	47.33†	- 0.12	1.56
UK Blue Chip Inc	45.75	48.91	- 0.37	3.38
UK Equity Inc	46.82	49.95†	- 0.33	4.17
UK Global Inc	53.61	57.17	- 0.20	1.86
Wwide Tact	93.15	99.19†	- 0.23	1.01
Europe Tactical	83.15	88.57	+ 0.20	0.98
Technology	166.07	178.58†	- 1.39	0.71
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	561.20	598.30	- 3.60	2.74
American	388.20	411.30	- 5.60	0.22
Pacific	399.30	427.10	+ 1.70	0.26
European	770.30	823.90	- 0.60	0.86
Worldwide	108.90	116.50		0.32
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	376.60	400.70	- 2.00	1.80
-do- Accum	499.30	531.20	- 2.50	1.80
UK Sh Co Eq Inc	305.30	324.80	- 0.80	1.34
-do- Accum	377.50	401.60	- 1.00	1.34
Select Opptnty Inc	97.24	104.00	- 0.56	1.64
Income Plus Inc	95.78	101.90	- 0.28	2.82
European Inc	510.80	543.30	- 0.60	0.80
-do- Accum	588.90	626.20	- 0.60	0.80
Far Eastern Inc	176.80	188.10	+ 0.70	1.29
-do- Accum	205.60	218.80	+ 0.80	1.29
Japanese Inc	56.61	60.23	+ 0.10	
Nth American Inc	373.00	396.40	- 3.80	0.33
-do- Accum	413.20	439.10	- 4.00	0.33
Intl Growth Inc	248.80	263.00	- 0.10	0.62
Wwide Venture Inc	104.80	111.50	- 0.10	0.60
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 668 3724				
Equity Inc	504.50	533.00	+ 0.80	2.25
-do- Accum	781.40	825.60	+ 1.30	2.25
UK High Inc	246.10	260.80	+ 0.10	2.34

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
	385.40	402.10	+ 0.25	1.54
-do- Accum	557.10	589.60	+ 4.10	0.45
Europe Inc	353.80	373.70	- 3.80	
Nth Amer Inc	279.10	294.80	+ 1.60	0.40
Global Inc	301.90	319.00	+ 1.70	0.40
Global Acc	150.80	159.90	+ 0.40	1.72
UK Spec Sits Inc	207.80	219.60	+ 0.40	0.24
South East Asia	102.00	102.00	+ 0.10	5.58
Cash Trust Inc	130.80	138.20	- 0.20	1.76
UK Smlr Cos Inc	138.50	146.30	- 0.20	1.76
-do- Accum	88.97	94.61	+ 0.10	4.79
Intl Bond Inc	87.46	92.82	+ 0.10	
International Star				
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
	185.40	195.70		0.33
European	154.70	162.80	- 2.20	
Nth American	129.90	136.70†	- 0.60	6.42
Intl Bond & Curr	263.50	293.30†	- 0.60	7.91
Pooled Pension (F)	127.38	134.00†	+ 0.70	0.81
Smaller Cos	189.00	198.90†	- 0.90	2.14
UK General #	88.66	93.33		0.96
Far Eastern				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 6226				
Continental	103.30	109.00	+ 0.20	0.88
Global Gwth	86.83	91.98	- 0.25	1.11
Inv Tst Port	62.14	66.10	- 0.12	2.32
Managed	£14.74	£15.46		1.50
Pref Inc #	110.40	117.40†	- 0.30	5.78
Smaller Cos	300.30	319.40	- 0.70	0.79
Ireland SIB Recognised				
UK Equity Inc ‡	108.32	.	- 0.43	4.56
Sterling Reserve ‡	100.73		+ 0.06	5.27
Corporate Inc ‡	102.70		- 0.27	5.23
Tai Pan ‡	113.82		+ 0.17	
Asiac ‡	79.46	. .	+ 0.23	
Amer Gth Fund ‡	145.76		- 1.32	
European ‡	183.74		- 0.75	
Global Bond ‡	89.34		- 0.33	7.02
Samurai ‡	54.67	...	- 0.71	
UK Growth ‡	119.60		- 0.90	2.55
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	106.22		- 0.58	3.01
Investment Trust ‡	130.86		- 0.09	2.23
The Football Fd ‡	93.34		- 0.73	
Reserve Roll Up ‡	98.47			..
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	450.80	477.00	+ 6.70	
Capital	161.70	171.10	- 0.10	1.28
Cash	100.76	100.76	+ 0.02	5.67
European	186.40	197.20†	+ 1.70	0.36
Far Eastern	164.00	173.50	+ 1.00	0.01
Growth	188.70	199.70	+ 0.30	1.16
Income #	152.80	161.70	+ 0.20	4.65
Magnum	170.70	180.50		1.41
Smlr Secs	636.80	673.90†	+ 3.00	0.13
Thoroughbred	198.70	210.20†	+ 0.30	1.23
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01202 435000				
Cristel Pdrence	60.00	64.13	- 0.02	7.00
Ethical	90.37	96.65	- 0.42	0.83
European Growth	92.66	98.26	- 0.24	
Income	67.73	72.43	- 0.31	3.19
Intl Growth	118.60	126.70†	- 0.60	0.06
Managed	102.80	108.90	- 0.40	0.24
UK Growth	86.73	92.75	- 0.29	1.27
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 39 33 53				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	51.49	51.75	+ 0.20	1.23
Global Advtg Acc	56.28	56.57	+ 0.20	1.23
Income Advtg Inc	41.38	41.59	+ 0.20	3.40
Income Advtg Acc	48.91	49.18	+ 0.30	3.40
UK Equity Gth Acc	115.20	122.20		1.41
Premier Inc Inc	51.86	52.90	- 0.20	7.09
Premier Inc Acc	57.18	58.33	- 0.30	7.09
Managed Acc	70.88	75.14	+ 0.20	1.34
UK Eq HI Inc Inc	46.98	49.80†	+ 0.10	4.12
UK Eq HI Inc Acc	63.67	67.50	+ 0.10	4.12
UK Smlr Cos Acc	51.25	54.33	- 0.10	0.23
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	91.93	97.60	+ 0.20	1.63
UK Equity Gen Inc	85.32	89.41	+ 0.20	1.63
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	32.91	34.81†	- 0.20	6.40
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	392.90	426.30	+ 1.30	1.74
Nth American Acc	65.35	69.44	- 0.60	0.01
Pacific Basin	44.48	47.26	+ 0.10	0.49
European Acc	67.12	71.32	+ 0.60	0.30
Japan Acc	25.64	27.25	+ 0.50	1.09
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global A (NZ$)	5.002	5.313†		1.75
US Eqts (US$)	4.080	4.325		0.68
Far East Eqts (yen)	271.20	288.00		
FT Europe	178.60	189.70	..	1.06
FT N Amer (US$)	3.053	3.234		
FT Japan (yen)	196.20	207.20		
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	3.056	3.246		0.97
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	529.30	560.20	- 3.80	.
British #	1417.30	1500.10	- 6.10	2.51
Emrging Mkts	190.40	202.60	+ 0.50	0.42
Euro Small Co	65.92	70.28	- 0.17	0.23
Japan	118.20	125.40	- 0.40	
New Pacific	446.80	475.60	+ 2.10	1.10
-do- Accum	480.50	511.70	+ 2.20	1.10
Inv Trust Acc	323.00	342.40	- 0.50	1.13
Mngd Equity	221.60	234.50	- 0.80	1.96
Mngd Cash	95.95	95.95	+ 0.03	5.56
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 389				
Equity	1231.00	1316.00	- 9.00	1.67
North America	207.40	221.40	- 1.70	
Far East	160.50	172.00	- 0.30	
Wwide Bond	55.97	59.38†	- 0.07	5.60
European	170.70	182.50	- 0.50	0.18
Equity Income #	128.30	137.10	- 0.80	4.21
Portfolio	125.20	133.90†	- 0.70	1.14
UK Leading Cos	93.98	100.20	- 0.70	2.05
High Inc Bond	51.04	51.12†	- 0.09	6.24
Broker Trusts				
Intnl Equity	82.47	88.20	+ 0.21	
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 526 725				
Antares UT	23.81	25.34		0.47
Corp Bd Gilt Inc	101.24	107.71	.	6.76
Corp Bd & Gilt Acc	108.88	115.84	.	6.76
European	60.15	63.99	.	0.59
High Income	39.50	42.03†	.	3.41
Japan	33.86	36.03		0.01
Managed Assets	159.79	170.37		2.32
North American	52.64	56.00		0.32
Smlr Co's Inc	38.10	40.54†		1.98
Smlr Co's Acc	42.21	44.91		1.98
UK Growth Inc	74.21	78.95		1.99
UK Growth Acc	84.77	90.19	.	1.99
UK Income	52.09	55.72		2.76
Worldwide Gth	45.64	48.94		0.15
SLC Pensions Funds				
Asian & Oceanic Ex	32.28	33.28†		1.43
European Exmpt	117.04	120.87	.	1.17
Japan Exempt	29.24	30.15		0.01
US Exempt	107.72	111.06†		1.19
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD				
Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	61.80	65.74	+ 0.22	
Cap Protection Inc	55.52	59.06†	- 0.24	2.81
UK Income Inc	70.62	75.13	- 0.56	3.23
Mngd Extra Inc Inc #	37.64	39.84†	- 0.14	6.75
Mngd High Yld Inc	102.05	108.56†	- 0.72	4.45
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	99.35	105.69†	- 0.81	3.33
UK Smaller Cos	44.12	46.94	- 0.11	1.70
Pacific Grth Prw	51.81	55.12	- 0.32	0.69
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
01264 346 794				
American	337.67	357.32	- 4.49	
-do- Accum	371.92	393.57	- 4.94	
Brit Growth	138.47	146.53	- 1.31	1.46
-do- Accum	174.46	184.61	- 1.66	1.46
European	147.82	156.43	+ 0.08	0.01
-do- Accum	157.89	167.08	+ 0.08	0.01
Extra Income #	238.14	252.00	- 1.90	4.32
-do- Accum #	444.96	470.86	- 3.54	4.32
Smaller Cos	98.13	103.84	- 0.28	0.69
-do- Accum	112.78	119.34	- 0.32	0.69
General	405.36	428.95	- 3.41	1.68
-do- Accum	873.72	924.58	- 7.34	1.68
Premier Income	53.18	56.40†	- 0.24	6.16
-do- Accum	137.93	143.68†	- 0.62	6.16
Income #	435.62	460.97	- 3.78	3.32
-do- Accum #	£10.23	£10.83	- 8.88	3.32
Pacific	389.88	412.36	+ 1.51	0.50
-do- Accum	409.46	433.29	+ 1.59	0.50
International	685.74	725.66†	- 3.45	0.08
-do- Accum	906.15	958.89†	- 4.56	0.08
Nat Resources	172.10	182.12†	- 0.29	0.50
Sktd Opps	144.78	153.21	- 0.89	0.96
-do- Accum	191.58	202.74	- 1.16	0.96
Environmental Inv	93.65	99.10	- 2.10	0.75
Selector	83.26	88.11†	- 0.54	1.35
-do- Accum	97.81	103.50†	- 0.63	1.35
High Income #	78.60	83.18	- 0.58	4.24
-do- Accum #	109.07	115.41	- 0.82	4.24
Intl Income	63.15	66.83	- 0.12	4.58
-do- Accum	85.81	90.81	- 0.16	4.58
Selector Income	72.58	76.81†	- 0.46	4.07
-do- Accum	93.90	99.37†	- 0.60	4.07
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED				
0181 667 1018				
British	472.07	496.92	- 3.95	2.23
European	89.34	93.55†	- 0.02	1.32
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	261.59	278.82		2.33
Glob Balncd Inc	212.64	225.01†	.	3.42
Value Tst Inc	163.80	173.34		2.24
THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 800 0033				
Capital	97.36	103.60	- 0.80	0.51
International	74.98	79.77		
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	40.28	41.94	+ 0.06	6.30
European Growth	394.04	412.60	- 0.92	0.90
Exempt	762.63	796.34†	- 3.47	2.90
Global Em Mkts	91.00	95.28†	+ 0.63	0.50
Japan Tst	77.09	80.72†	- 0.22	
Little Dragons	115.21	120.63†	+ 0.66	
Nth Amer Gwth	344.10	360.31	- 4.54	0.50
Oriental Income #	49.04	51.35	+ 0.12	3.60
Preference	137.07	143.62†	- 0.61	8.30
Tiger	292.86	306.66†	+ 0.64	
UK Blue Chip	92.69	96.95	- 0.72	1.60
UK Growth	763.88	799.87	- 4.84	0.80
UK High Yield #	132.47	138.71†	- 0.66	5.00
UK Mid-Cap	357.70	374.55†	- 0.55	1.60
UK Smlr Cos	148.08	155.06	- 0.79	0.70
UK Smlr Cos Div #	99.68	104.37	0.72	5.30
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD				
01277 690 336				
UK Equity Income #	130.64	138.98	- 0.41	4.50
UK Equity Growth	117.74	125.26	- 0.51	2.56
European	88.62	94.28	+ 0.01	1.17
Nth American	95.88	102.01	- 0.97	0.11
Far Eastern	80.45	85.58†	+ 0.42	0.62
Money	73.44	73.44	+ 0.02	4.72
Fixed Interest #	84.73	90.14	- 0.33	7.60
Index Linked Gilt	74.94	79.72	- 0.27	1.20
VIRGIN DIRECT PFS LTD				
0345 959595				
Income Trust	107.08	107.08†	- 0.29	6.50
Pens Growth	114.95	114.95		
Pens Inc Protct	105.77	105.77		
UK Index Tracking	149.20	149.50	- 1.21	2.54
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0131 031 7455				
Australasian Gold	25.38	26.69	- 0.46	. .
Pacific Basin	42.17	45.23†	- 0.18	
Global Bond (US$)	0.9249	0.9834	- 0.0023	
Penny Share	47.50	50.00	+ 0.18	.
Japan Smlr Cos	37.50	39.47†	+ 0.13	.
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 623 2444				
Challenger	90.76	93.73	+ 0.52	1.80
Short Dtd Gilt	127.20	128.50†	..	
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.7981	0.8066		
Gilt Income	52.21	53.02	- 0.08	6.10
Gilt Growth	81.23	82.48	- 0.29	
Sterling Bond	49.86	50.72†	- 0.21	6.50
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 298 4000				
Intl Mgd	62.34	66.20	- 0.25	1.79
UK Stockmarket	116.80	124.20	- 0.50	2.26
Corporate Bd Inc	49.92	50.02	- 0.07	6.12
Do Accum	52.83	52.94	- 0.08	6.12

Source. FT Information

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return). † Ex dividend. ‡ Middle price. No significant data. # Periodic Charge deducted from capital. @ Exit Charge

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Equities close sharply lower

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
497	407½	Allied Domecq‡	444	− 4½	8.6	13.5
628	530½	Bulmer (HP)	535		3.2	15.9
75½	56½	Burn Stewart	57		7.5	14.2
1040	865	Glenmorangie A	945		1.6	25.7
613	425½	Grand Met	580	− 8	3.7	17.8
615	424	Guinness‡	560	− 7	3.6	16.9
390	321½	Highland Distil	330		3.2	16.5
336	257	Matthew Clark	288½	− 5	11.3	12.7
109½	72½	Marydown W	72½		7.9	8.8
1878½	1482½	SA Breweries	1768¼	− 3½	2.2	..

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BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1997 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7% 1997	[illegible]	...	6.99	6.27
101½	[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 1997	[illegible]	...	8.70	6.27
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 15% 1997	[illegible]		14.47	6.32
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 9¾% 1998	[illegible]	..	9.54	6.42
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7¼% 1998	[illegible]		7.21	6.55
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 14% 1998-01	[illegible]		13.07	6.59
[illegible]	111¼	Treas 15½% 1998	111¼		13.93	6.69
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 12% 1998	[illegible]		11.17	6.73
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9½% 1999	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.12	6.76
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 12¼% 1999	[illegible]	[illegible]	11.21	6.83
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 10½% 1999	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.83	6.71
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 6% 1999	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.09	6.81
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 10¼% 1999	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.52	6.87
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 9% 2000	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.56	6.88
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2000	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.74	6.91
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 13% 2000	[illegible]	[illegible]	11.12	6.95
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 10% 2001	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.10	6.99
101½	[illegible]	Treas 7% 2001	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.99	6.99

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1997 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9¾% 2002	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.73	7.05
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2003	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.64	7.03
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 10% 2003	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.72	7.08
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 11½% 2001-04	[illegible]	[illegible]	10.02	7.03
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fund 3½% 1999-04	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.04	5.93
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2004	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.34	7.07
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 2004	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.87	7.03
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8½% 2005	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.89	7.09
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Tough and tender players

Manon Lescaut
Glyndebourne

The strengths of Puccini's early opera (1893) — his third, predating *La Bohème* — are almost entirely musical, and so are those of Glyndebourne's new production. Everything that John Eliot Gardiner promised in his interview on this page last week he delivered. The coruscating brilliance of sound in the opening bars promised an evening of rare orchestral pleasure: crisp, disciplined textures through which every strand of musical thought emerged, and playing of rare, communal virtuosity from the London Philharmonic Orchestra that took your breath away.

The string sound was lean, muscular and light on vibrato, lending the music a toughness not always immediately apparent in Brand-X readings; the occasional rather blatant reminiscence of a Big Tune — comparatively rare in *Manon Lescaut* — was given an astringency that banished, to use Gardiner's own word, slop. Mere sentiment was throughout replaced with genuine tenderness and compassion.

Let that not suggest coldness: the hushed, silky string playing at the lovers' first meeting would satisfy the most demanding hedonist, and the little harmonic sideslip in the heroine's *In quelle trine morbide* was achieved with near-indecent sensuousness. And the cleanness of texture allowed Gardiner to relish to the full the wide range of colour in the instrumentation: with trumpets yapping away under Geronte in the second-act finale, we were suddenly in the world of Kurt Weill. In a word, Gardiner's reading was an ear-opener: the prospect of him leading a Puccini cycle at Glyndebourne may be far-fetched, but it would certainly have me booking season tickets.

The opera's dramaturgy is decidedly wonky — up to a dozen hands were involved in the anonymous libretto — mainly because all concerned were anxious to avoid being accused of copying Massenet's earlier setting of Prévost's story. The suppression of the scene showing the lovers living in blissful sin means that the Manon of Puccini's second act is a different character from the one we meet in the first; thereafter she is a standard Puccini victim figure. There's not a lot a director can do to put flesh on these bones.

Indeed, there are few surprises in the production by the Graham Vick/Richard Hudson team: elegant naturalistic direction of singers in beautifully designed (and made) traditional costumes against spare, abstract sets, with ochre replacing the grey-blue of their *Onegin*. Tradition loomed a little too large in the assembly of freaks and decadents in Manon's salon, and in the roll-call of "fallen" women: surely some degree of contemporary perspective could be brought to each episode? And is Hudson's antiseptic decor quite right for Puccini's veristic vignettes? Or for the squalor of the subject matter? Never mind, it's all terribly pretty.

The young Romanian soprano Adina Nitescu sings Manon extremely beautifully — her voice is luscious and warm throughout the range — but she is as yet impassive on stage and her heroine remained a somewhat shadowy figure. Traditionally, a heavier tenor than Patrick Denniston is cast as Des Grieux. His tone is bronzed rather than brilliant, but he sings musically and accurately, and Gardiner's canny accompaniment of his big third-act outburst helped to make it work. He is also a good actor, making the man entirely credible.

Antonello Palombi was a ringingly Italianate student Edmondo, one who could well have his sights on Des Grieux before long, and Paolo Montarsolo made a memorable Geronte, plainly too old to cut the mustard any more — which must be why everyone entering the boudoir makes a point of inspecting the bed-linen. The chorus was quite marvellous. Channel 4 and Radio 3 simultaneously broadcast the production on May 31.

DONALD COOPER

In luscious voice: young Romanian soprano Adina Nitescu brought beautiful singing to the role of Manon, but an impassive stage presence

CONCERTS: Maximum Minimalism poses questions on the South Bank; a host of Catherines in Baroque mood

Out of his system

Philip Glass
Festival Hall

Philip Glass likes his arpeggio figures. He likes them so much that they dominate his entire output. He is not alone in this but, unlike Steve Reich, his tonality is also increasingly traditional, uncharacterised. So what are we left with? Not Minimalism now, apparently, but Maximalism. Making the most of minimal material? Or spinning out music of minimal interest for maximum time?

Another definition has been "systems music", a better word for what the dedicated members of the Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields were locked into on Thursday night. Systems music is surely better played by machines, as the following night's line up with the Philip Glass Ensemble proved — or at least less painful to watch.

Both works on Thursday, Act II from *Satyagraha* and the *Heroes Symphony*, were written to be staged and needed that extra dimension. The enthusiasm of the Crouch Hill Chorus kept the attention through swaths of music on which all Glass's experience of Indian and African music and his rich intellectual life seem to have left no trace.

The *Heroes Symphony* like the *Low*, was inspired by the David Bowie-Brian Eno album of the same name but seems to have neutralised the elements that gave it guts: it is raw energy, the rasping voice of Bowie, a sense of defiant despair. It was known as an avant-garde album, and it was in the pop world. What Glass has created is synthetic, well meaning and uses the blandest of harmonies and orchestrations. The rousing pop anthem *Heroes* is emasculated to a series of polite descending chords; the syncopations in *Sons of the Silent Age* are rendered awkwardly on French horns. The following night *In the Upper Room*, *The Photographer*, *Music in Similar Motion* passed by in similar motion indeed.

The high points were, not surprisingly, from Glass's two most successful operas, *Einstein on the Beach* and *Akhnaten*. The combination of fast-driven machine sound and the very human voice of a free tenor saxophone solo in *The Building* (from *Einstein*) gave this music a fundamental raison d'être hard to find in the other pieces. The Funeral Music from *Akhnaten*, too, is invigorating: lively drum rhythms, crashing dissonant chords in the bass, a tonality of its own, a real sense of ritual theatre rising to an exhilarating climax. The audience gave standing ovations on both nights: anyone thinking of staging *Akhnaten* again in this country could be sure of a sell-out.

HELEN WALLACE

What Katy did

The Catherine Wheel
Wigmore Hall

Far from being any form of torture, the Catherine Wheel which spun round at the Wigmore on Friday was a source of delight. If it had ever occurred to you that the Baroque music world was peopled with Catherines, then this was the vindication. No fewer than 16 of them assembled to present an enriching programme in aid of Jessie's Fund, an admirable charity that exists to help sick children through the therapeutic use of music.

Violinist Catherine Mackintosh led the way: with most of the others on stage, and Katharina Spreckelsen and Catherine Latham playing oboes, she gave bright, shapely direction to lively string playing which took positive pleasure in Handel's metrical switches before forming an effortlessly oscillating undertow of slow-moving harmonies for the largo's oboe aria. *Felix Warnock may have been* a nominal spoke in the wheel, but his elegant bassoon playing made him considerably more than the evening's token male.

Then came two short Trios, one of them called *La Cattarina* by the Cremona-born composer Tarquinio Merulo. Capricious little phrases chased each other from one violin (Catherine Martin) to another (Kati Debretzeni). Katharine May, the evening's feisty and urbane harpsichordist, and Catherine Finnis, cello, then took the lead in a *Ciaconna* whose ground bass is teasingly familiar from Monteverdi's madrigal, *Zefiro, torno*.

Telemann and Biber faced each other across the interval — and in two rare and beguiling pairings of instruments. Telemann's Concerto in E minor is poised on a pivot-point in woodwind history: the new *flauto traverso* (flute, Katy Bircher) and the older *flauto dolce* (recorder, Catherine Latham) duet together in supple sequences and in a lipticlding finale. The equally seductive voices of two violas d'amore (Catherine Mackintosh and Katherine McGillivray) are exploited with cunning and imagination in Biber's Partita No 7, with its French suite of movements and final noble set of variations.

Every Catherine, Kathryn, Kate and Katharina gathered once again for a final epithalamion, Bach's Wedding Cantata, *Weichet nur, betrübte Schatten*. Soprano Catherine Bott blew the shadows and frosty winds away: harpsichord provided her with Phoebus's swift steeds; and solo violin, oboe and bassoon led on the final dance.

HILARY FINCH

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SCHUBERT PIANO DUETS
Reviewed by Stephen Plaistow

NO WONDER Schubert has been called the patron saint of piano duettists. In the last ten years of his life he enriched the medium with a range of compositions, from dances to the Grand Duo in C. Accounts of the social gatherings in which he shared these works among friends may have reinforced impressions of them as minor, but they are characteristic manifestations of genius.

The compositions for four hands from 1828 are unsurpassed by anything he composed in that productive final year. Among them, the Fantasy in F minor (D940) has had plenty of recordings but few get beyond a generalised projection of atmosphere. Its drama and expressive charge call for a wide range of sound and gesture, and the most successful recordings tend to be those by ad hoc partnerships of fine solo pianists, rather than devoted practitioners of duets working on a more domestic scale. The 1984 Sony recording by Murray Perahia and Radu Lupu is a classic.

Recently Lupu has partnered Daniel Barenboim in the Grand Duo and the delightful Variations in A flat (Teldec). The finale of the Duo isn't pacy enough but the excellent playing elsewhere banishes thoughts of the work as a symphony in disguise.

For a complete set of the duets a recommendation would be Yaara Tal and Andreas Groethuysen, who offer seven CDs in a format of four volumes available separately (Sony). For a nearly complete tally of the duets from 1824 on, distributed over two double-albums, there is perhaps better value for money from **Christoph Eschenbach** and **Justus Frantz** whose refinement of sound and character are blessings in a medium which can be noisy. They play the works of Schubert's last year as they should be: as the greatest chamber music. The recordings are reissues and are available from next month **(EMI CZS 5 69764-2 and CZS 5 69770-2, £15.99 each).**

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Blaring her soul

JAZZ

Carla Bley
Barbican Hall

IN THE "hymn sheet" that accompanies her latest recording, *The Carla Bley Big Band Goes to Church*, the Californian composer asks wryly: "Why would anyone want to listen to almost 70 minutes of blaring big-band music?" Then she answers her own question: "Probably because I was able to get my four special soloists again. And my rhythm section. The music would be nothing without these two intact elements."

For her nine-date Contemporary Music Network UK tour, along with three of those essential soloists — Italian trombonist Gary Valente, Austrian alto player Wolfgang Puschnig and British tenorist Andy Sheppard — Bley drew on the extraordinary strength in depth of her existing brass section to substitute Guy Barker for the original incumbent, American trumpeter Lew Soloff. The rhythm section, bassist Steve Swallow and drummer Dennis Mackrel, remained intact, as did the music. What also endured — less auspiciously — was the question as to the validity of her final statement.

Devoting the first half of her concert largely to what she calls "fancy chamber music" inevitably focused attention purely on Bley's compositional acumen, and the lightweight, drifting quality of her writing for members of the classical ensemble Opus 20 rendered her big band's arrival in the second half particularly welcome.

As soon as Sheppard's tenor began to wrestle with the inviting changes of *Setting Calvin's Waltz*, the proceedings picked up, and seldom flagged thereafter. Sheppard is the chief vehicle for the urgently bustling aspects of *Bley's music, and Puschnig's* wounded alto sound, too, was tellingly exploited by Bley, particularly in Carl Ruggles's *Exaltation*.

It was the brass players Barker and Valente, however, who hit the evening's keynote. Along with just the right *amount of exuberant flair*, Barker brought poise and elegance to his blazing solos. Valente, though, truly personified Bley's distinctive brand of laid-back, earnestly pockish eccentricity with an extraordinary display of rich, sand-blasting trombone. Bley's art may indeed reside in the skilful deployment of her musicians rather than in the material she gives them.

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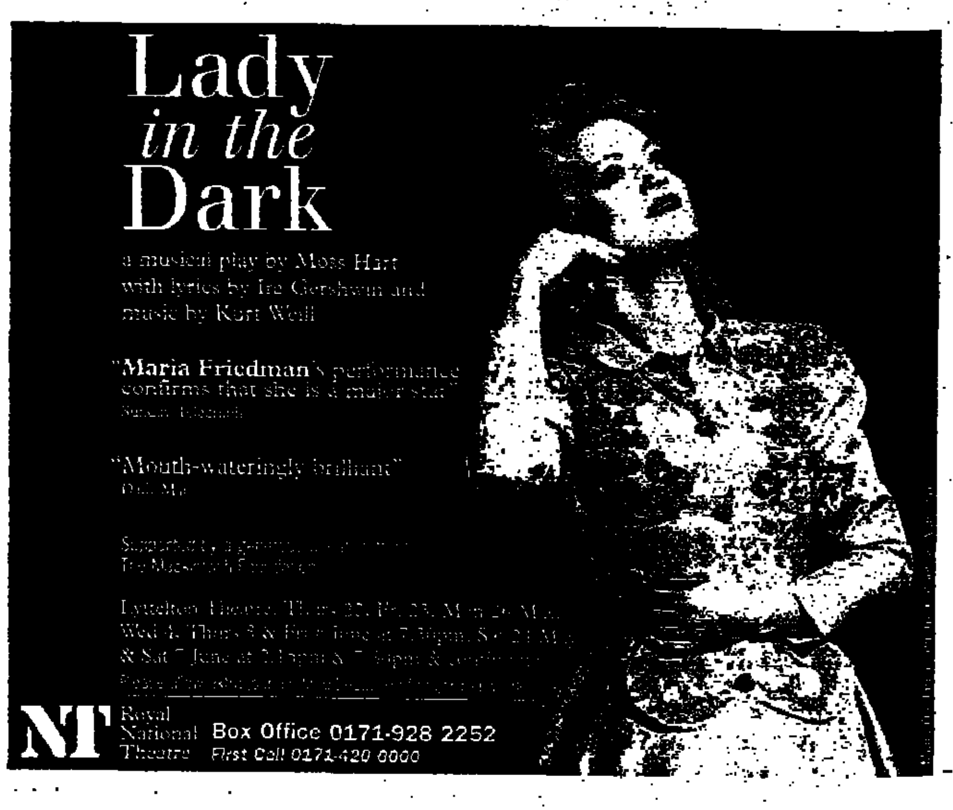

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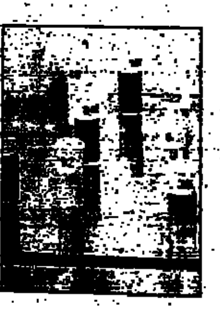
■ VISUAL ART 1

The Swinging Sixties in Britain and France are recalled at the Brighton Festival



■ VISUAL ART 2

Out of the ordinary: a posthumous show for Jeff Luke finds excitement in the everyday

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Urban stress is the motor that powers Siobhan Davies's impressive new work. *Bank*

■ THEATRE

The Rodney Ackland revival continues with a Chichester staging of his *After October*

VISUAL ART: **Richard Cork** takes a cool look at the Sixties through the psychedelic haze of a south coast exhibition

Swinging back the pendulum

F[illegible] the darkness of a fashion-show audience, David Bailey and Catherine Deneuve look intimate enough. The year is 1965, and both of them are savouring their new-found celebrity. Deneuve leans towards Bailey, smiling as she relishes their very own entente cordiale. But he directs his large eyes outwards, appraising the photographer with a watchful, professional gaze.

Bailey's expression sums up the supreme self-consciousness of the period, when everyone appeared to do everything in front of a camera. He knew the defining power of the lens, and its effervescent images play a central role throughout the *Les Sixties* exhibition at Brighton Museum and Art Gallery. But Deneuve's cool presence reminds us that France underwent a similar revolution. If our current curiosity about swinging London seems insatiable, we often overlook the upheavals that galvanised Paris during the same seismic period.

How can this restless, noisy and anarchic era be conveyed in three rooms of a sedate 19th-century municipal building, where even the most unruly manifestations of the "counter-culture" have been carefully preserved, classified and placed on orderly display? Strict curatorial standards are upheld here, above all in the notice next to Peter Sedgeley's whirling kinetic disc-sculpture. "The ultra-violet lights on this work have been switched off," it explains, "to prevent fading of other art works in this gallery."

Despite inevitable restrictions, though, *Les Sixties* does succeed in taking the pulse of its feverish subject. The organisers, David Alan Mellor and Laurent Gerverau, take an all-embracing view. Paintings and sculpture are included, often making a powerful contribution to the show. But *Les Sixties* aims at placing works of art in the widest possible social context.

"Consumer Culture" is the opening theme. It moves from the tourist banality of a 1962 "Ici Londres" window display at Bon Marché in Paris to the austere geometry of a cream wool dress by Courrèges. Allen Jones's brash Pop art is included, but so are Joe O'Reilly's *photographs of Peter Blake, David* Hockney and their contemporaries posing like statues on plinths outside their exhibition at the 1963 Paris Biennale.

Playfulness abounds, in the silliness of Bernard Rancillac's outrageous *Elephant Armchair* and the cleverness of Clive Barker's wittily simulated *French Fancies* in painted bronze. But the darker side of the Sixties soon becomes visible as well. J.G. Ballard's eight black-and-white photographs of a crashed Ford Zephyr look ominous, even if its shattered windscreen reveals no trace of the obsessed couple erotically aroused by car smashes in his related fiction.

Violence dominates the second section, where a dozen stills from Antonioni's *Blow Up* concentrate on the most sinister part of the film. Successive frames show the young Vanessa Redgrave luring a middle-aged man into a deserted park, embracing him and then moving away as a gun emerges from the bushes.

> ‘Women were often treated with arrogance and contempt in the cold camera studios’

The Sixties' blatant preoccupation with sex dominates the space devoted to "A Man's World". Ralph Steadman turns one of his lacerating New London Cries into a callous fashion photographer, with phallic zoom-lenses bulging from his crotch. Without bothering to look at the mascara-smeared model picking her nose behind him, he snarls: "I said I'm going to put your face in *Vogue*, you stupid old cow!"

Women were often treated with arrogance and contempt in the cold, white, camera-packed studios of the period. Even a goddess as exalted as Bardot appears with a target-like circle stamped on her screen-dot face in Gerald Laing's sinister painting. Christine Keeler found herself adored and deplored, usually at the same time. In Geoffrey Davien's plaster bust, ominously *nicknamed a "sculptoon", she looks* at once mesmerising and demonic.

The few women artists who won prominence did their best to offer an alternative view. Jann Haworth's brazen mixed-media sculpture of a *Snake Lady* looks ferocious, as the serpent coils its way round her ample feathered body. But she seems trapped as well, and a similar ambiguity runs through Pauline Boty's work. Tragically short-lived, she knew precisely how to pose like an archetypal Sixties "chick" for Michael Ward's photograph.

Sometimes the Anglo-French vantage of the show yields unexpected results. Among the over-familiar Beatlemania ephemera, we suddenly find a poster advertising the group's first feature film under the bizarre title *4 Garçons Dans Le Vent*. At the time, the Fab Four were photographed as harmlessly chuckling Liverpudlian lads. But on occasion the boyish masks slip. Robert Whitaker's 1966 album cover dressed the group as white-coated butchers, brandishing headless dolls and cradling raw meat as they grin mirthlessly. The images caused such offence in America that they were withdrawn and, for the most part, destroyed. But Martin Sharp neatly caught the group's ambivalent attitude in a painted photograph, where Lennon's face is transformed into a Union Jack. What initially looks like cheery patriotism ends up resembling a gag, preventing him from voicing the full extent of his dissent.

The French were inclined to a more agit-prop approach. Erro's 1968 painting, *Intérieur Americain no 4*, shows square-jawed freedom fighters in scarlet uniforms advancing on an empty, bijou bedroom. The Reds popped up everywhere as the decade came to a close. At the 1969 Salon de la Jeune Peinture in Paris, attention was seized by the incensed artists who produced *La Salle Rouge pour le Vietnam*. But the most exuberant use of this politically charged colour occurs in Henri Cueco's *L'Université*, a 1968 canvas where striped and naked students punch the air or make gravity-defying leaps in front of an impersonal, authoritarian campus building.

Homage to weird pop: *The Crazy World of Arthur Brown* by Michael English and Nigel Weymouth

It seems strident compared with the gentler, more amateur flower-power images produced in London, when Hornsey School of Art was *transformed into a crucible of* rebellion in the very same year. "Education Not Intimidation" and "Tomorrow Starts Now" were the slogans they proclaimed, but the ever more disastrous war in Vietnam provided a sharper focus for anger on both sides of the Channel. In London, Lewis Morley took a *campaigning shot of Tariq Ali and* Vanessa Redgrave united in their condemnation of the conflict. But they look too aware of their photogenic status as banner-brandishing stars when set beside an anonymous French poster. Produced in Paris at the very zenith of revolutionary Gallic zeal, it offers an aerial view of *the Champs Elysées bursting with* demonstrators on the march. From one end to the other, the entire avenue is dense with resolute, unstoppable bodies. Their enthusiasm may seem naively utopian today, when ideological fervour has given way to widespread scepticism. But their mass determination to *have faith in the future still seems* moving, and makes our own lack of optimism all the more sad.

● Les Sixties *is at Brighton Museum and Art Gallery (01273 290900) until June 29*

AROUND THE GALLERIES

MELISSA FELDMAN, the curator of *Natural Habitat*, has provided a generous brief and a floor each to three artists from abroad. **Patrick Van Caeckenbergh** plays between flat and formed, cut out and actual, to make menageries of strangeness. It is an atmosphere to be read rather than felt, a room that turns out to have *no real three-dimensional* meaning. Upstairs **Paul McCarthy** seems to insist on visitors dressing themselves up as clowns in the wooden changing space provided. Upstairs again, enticing mermaid music calls. The enchantress, the artist **Mariko Mori** dressed in a blue space outfit, plays with a crystal ball in an airport concourse. In this repeated video footage she beckons with elfin silliness.

Natural Habitat, *The Tannery, 57 Bermondsey Street, London SE1 (0171-234 0587), until June 1*

☐ PHOTOGRAPHS of dark green translucent material floating against a red ground, like details from a Renaissance Venetian painting, are collaged together to make up a rich mosaic. **Liz Rideal** may now scale up her individual pictures — yet they are all taken, as usual, in a simple photo booth. At the *Economist* offices, she pins her larger format *Arras* series simply to the wall in the highly-charged entrance area, but it is still difficult to show work here.

Past the information desk, through the revolving door, outside, **Julian Opie** has stacked a number of simple casts of tombstones, effectively causing a moment of displacement: a visual missed beat.

Liz Rideal and Julian Opie at the Economist, *organised by the Contemporary Art Society, The Economist, 25 St James's Street, London SW1 (0171-830 7105), until June 22*

☐ JEFF LUKE, who died in 1995 aged only 33, must have spent a lot of time on a kind of conceptual autopilot. This exhibition brings together many examples of his work. It is all dependent on display. Along a wall are 800 plastic bags, each containing a strange, apparently useful element.

Some 300 phials, each holding a fluid from kitchen, garage or bathroom, make a rainbow range across a shelf. Handles, levers, sticks, racks and tubes, this time much larger in scale, cover the floor. Each piece has been assembled in the mock language of the jeweller, handyman or shop fitter. The gap between the art object and its function is well expressed.

Jeff Luke, *Cubitt Gallery, 2 Caledonia Street, London N1 (0171-278 8226), until June 8*

SACHA CRADDOCK

BRIGHTON FESTIVAL DANCE

Private painted pictures

Siobhan Davies
Gardner Arts Centre

SIOBHAN DAVIES, winner of the 1996 Olivier and Prudential Awards, is celebrating a milestone this season: 25 years in the choreography business. But if anyone expects her to relax and rest on her laurels, forget it. There is nothing complacent about *Bank*, the piece she has made for this anniversary season.

With the aid of Matteo Fargion's echoing percussive score for bass guitar, harmonica, drum and cardboard boxes, Davies constructs a world where the press of society breeds apprehension and a dark irritability. The six dancers are charged with a pent-up energy that is only partially relieved by the fractured phrases of harried physicality. Even moments of rest are deceptive, for underneath the stillness throbs the itch to move.

One of the beauties of Davies's intensely private creative process is the freedom it gives her audiences to paint *their own mental landscapes.* As the bodies move through space with the force of a slap, you can imagine a kind of urban stress rising from the crowding discomfort of their overpopulated environment. The patterns of *Bank* may be complex, but the immediacy of its language is readily discernible.

Despite the creative wealth of her back catalogue, Davies is not one for revisiting old territory. There has to be a good reason to revive a work and in the case of *White Man Sleeps*, the other half of her Brighton Festival double bill, the spur was the score.

When Davies choreographed *White Man Sleeps* in 1988, she used Kevin Volans's string quartet of the same name. Nine years later, she has turned to the composer's earlier arrangement of *White Man Sleeps*, scored for two harpsichords, viola da gamba and percussion. It is more abrasive and pungent than the string arrangement, and it gives Davies's choreography even more heft and heart.

She has reworked segments of her original, although the bulk of it remains unchanged. Unlike the more unsettling *Bank*, *White Man Sleeps* seduces its audience with an impulsive sensuality. There is a hedonistic delight in the physicality of Davies's strong-minded dancers, as if they are plunging into a pool of warm, sweetly scented water. It looks a pleasure to dance; it's certainly a pleasure to watch.

The Siobhan Davies Company is at the Arts Theatre, Cambridge, on May 30 and 31, and at the Crucible in Sheffield on June 3 and 4.

DEBRA CRAINE

Warming to a tangy family stew

THEATRE

After October
Minerva, Chichester

TWENTY years ago the critic John Spurling wrote that "there is not an English playwright this century more certain of being understood and loved by posterity than Rodney Ackland". At the time that seemed a wild claim, for not even Terence Rattigan had yet escaped the oubliette into which a generation of dramatists had been flung by Osborne and the Royal Court realists. But now that Ackland is safely dead, it is beginning to look as if Spurling's prophecy was not so preposterous.

The Orange Tree's revival of *The Dark River* in 1990 left me feeling that, yes, Ackland had written sensitively of the insular English during the Spanish Civil War, but that his play was not the "Chekhovian" masterpiece some wished to believe. But in 1995 there was general enthusiasm for the National's production of *Absolute Hell*, his portrait of soaks and barflies in the louche Soho of 1945. And *After October* confirms that we have indeed been overlooking a dramatist with an eye for the clutter and chaos of English Bohemianism.

At first you may feel the piece is Chekhovian in the wrong sense. There is a lack of tension and momentum as a not-too-trenchantly observed family and its hangers-on drift about a big, shambling flat in what seems to be Hampstead, 1936. While Nick Waring's Clive struggles in the corner to finish writing the West End play that will save the clan from the bailiffs, Dorothy Tutin's Rhoda, his retired-actress mother, absently vacuums the frayed carpet. Bring on his two sisters, one trailing her adulterous employer, the other the French husband she acquired while working as a hostess in a bar; add the depressive girl Clive loves and the megalomaniac poet he has encouraged; and you have the kind of tangy human stew Ackland enjoyed.

The stew gradually warmed up on the first night, so that I suddenly realised that a cast that had been leaving me cold was giving me genuine pleasure. Some of the characters could be more thoroughly explored. Moreover, the play's shape is a bit predictable.

Yet Clive's disappointment at the poor reviews of his big first night leads to surprises, including a hilarious scene in which he phones a London critic at dawn, screams that he is a bleary moron about to die of leprosy; and then finds he has the wrong number. Keith Baxter's fine production, with Tutin muddleheadedly exuding the spirit of never-say-die, leaves you feeling that this slovenly, troubled, affectionate crew will somehow blunder and bumble through. Ackland was only 28 when he wrote the play, but had already found his voice; and if you miss that voice at Chichester, you can and should catch it at Greenwich next month.

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Pinchas Zukerman conducts and plays music by the Bach family

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Maurizio Pollini *continues his survey* of the Beethoven piano sonatas

VENUE: Tonight at the Festival Hall, London

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■ CHOICE 3

Skylight, by David Hare, is brought to Coventry by the National Theatre

VENUE: From tonight at the Warwick Arts Centre

■ POP

Country man: Garth Brooks gives Dublin the only European concerts on his current tour

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts *and entertainment* compiled by Gillian Maxey

LONDON

ENGLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA Pinchas Zukerman conducts the ECO in music by J.C. Bach, then plays J.S. Bach's Violin Concerto and Concerto in C minor for violin and oboe (with John Anderson, oboe). Vivaldi's Bassoon Concerto (Julie Price) and Handel's *Water Music* complete the programme. **Barbican**, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.30pm. ♿

MAURIZIO POLLINI The virtuoso pianist performs the Beethoven Sonatas in E minor, Op 90, in A, Op 101, in B flat, Op 106, Hammerklavier. **Festival Hall**, South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242). Tonight, 7.30pm. ♿

TITUS ANDRONICUS Following his *Phaedra* and *Les Danaïdes*, Silviu Purcarete brings us his visually stunning production of Shakespeare's "people pie" drama. Performed in Romanian with English surtitles. **Lyric**, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311). Opens tonight, 7pm, six performances only. Wed-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. Until May 24.

ELSEWHERE

BRIGHTON: Waiora (Corn Exchange, tonight-Sat, 8pm), a theatre piece from New Zealand, uses traditional Maori ceremony and song to explore the spiritual dislocation of the Maori during the 1960s. **Brighton Festival** (01273 709709).

BUXTON: William Gaunt, Joe McGann and Julie Graham star in Tennessee Williams's **Cat on a Hot Tin Roof**. Presented by the Moon River Production Company and Chester Gateway Theatre. **Opera House**, Water Street (01298 72190). Opens tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

COVENTRY: The National Theatre tours Britain with Richard Eyre's production of **Skylight**, David Hare's dramatisation of society's conflicts in the form of a prickly reunion between two lovers. With Bill Nighy and Stella Gonet. **Warwick Arts Centre** (01203 524524). Opens tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. Next in **Salisbury** Playhouse (01722 320333), May 26-31, **Liverpool** Royal Court (0151-709 4321), June 3-7.

GLASGOW: The 40-strong dance company, **Les Ballets Africains**, combines traditional dance, music, story-telling, acrobatics, comedy and drama in the British premiere of *Heritage* (King's Theatre, tonight-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 2.30pm and 8pm). At the Citizens' Theatre (tonight and Thursday, 8pm, Sat, 5pm and 8pm), the O'Casey Theatre Company presents **Song at Sunset**. Niall Buggy tells the story of the Irish playwright Sean O'Casey in his one-man show created by Shivaun O'Casey, Sean's daughter. **Mayfest Box Office** (0141-287 5000).

GUILDFORD: Shirley Anne Field and Christopher Strauli lead a strong cast in a revival of Gareth Tudor Price's production of Alan Ayckbourn's outlandish comedy **Absent Friends**. With Peter Blake, Shirin Taylor and Linda Davidson. David Janson directs. **Yvonne Arnaud**, Millbrook (01483 440000). Tonight-Thurs, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm, Fri and Sat, 8pm. Until May 24. ♿

LONDON GALLERIES

Art First: Wilhelmina Barns-Graham (0171-734 0386) .. **Catto:** Itzchak Tarkay (0171-435 6660) **Christopher Hull:** Renos Loizou Recent Paintings (0171-235 0500) **Goethe-Institut:** Lucia Moholy, Bauhaus Photographer (0171-411 3400) **Leighton House:** Piers de Laszlo (0171-602 3316) **National Portrait:** Variations on a Theme: 150 Years of Photographs of British Composers (0171-306 0055) **Portal:** Flowers and Gardens Show (0171-493 0706) **Royal Academy:** The Berlin of George Grosz (0171-439 7438) **Saatchi:** Duane Hanson (0171-624 8299) .. **Tate:** Luciano Fabro (0171-887 8000)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ *House full, returns only*
◩ Some seats available
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☐ **THE FIX** New American musical by *John Dempsey and Dana P. Rowe* directed by Sam Mendes. John Barrowman plays an ambitious political candidate, and the excellent Kathryn Evans is his scheming mother. **Donmar Warehouse**, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

◩ **THE HERBAL BED** Peter Whelan's *fascinating play: Teresa Banham plays* Shakespeare's daughter, and Stephen Boxer her Puritan inquisitor. **Duchess**, Catherine Street, WC2 (0171-494 5075). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

☐ **THE HOMECOMING** Pinter's unnerving comedy, set in a north London house where David Bradley's Max leads the struggle to possess his eldest son's wife (Lindsay Duncan). **National (Lyttelton)**, South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat Tues, 2.15pm. In rep.

☐ **LADY WINDERMERE'S FAN** Braham Murray's production of Wilde. With Gabrielle Drake and Rebecca Johnson. **Theatre Royal**, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. Until June 28.

☐ **THE MAI** Dublin prizewinner by Marina Carr, author of the haunting *Portia Coughlan*. Four generations of women whose lives men have variously disrupted. Nicolas Kent directs. **Tricycle**, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (0171-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat, 4pm. Until June 7.

◩ **MARLENE** Siân Phillips gives an attractive performance as the singer with the golden sheath dress. **Lyric**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **THE SCHOOL FOR WIVES** Peter Bowles both touching and comic as Molière's deluded hero. Eric Sykes excellent as his flicker-fingered servant. **Comedy**, Panton Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4.30pm. Until July 26.

☐ **SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE** Subtitled "The Songs of Leiber and Stoller." Hit Broadway compilation show *celebrating a successful songwriting* team, responsible for *Hound Dog Jailhouse Rock and Spanish Harlem*. **Prince of Wales**, Coventry Street, W1 (0171-839 5987). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats *Thurs and Sat, 3pm*.

☐ **THE YEATS SEASON** Damned Poets Co present five short plays, including his famous *On Baile's Strand* and *The Dreaming of the Bones*, influenced by Noh Theatre. Two separate programmes but all five can be seen on Thursdays and Saturdays. **Pentameters**, 28 Heath Street, *Hampstead, NW3 (0171-435 3648)*. Tue, Wed, Sun, 8pm, Thurs and Sat, 7pm.

LONG RUNNERS

◩ **An Inspector Calls**: Garrick (0171-494 5085) ☐ **Martin Guerre**: Prince Edward (0171-447 5400) ◩ **Les Misérables**: Palace (0171-434 0909) ◩ **Miss Saigon**: Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (0171-836 1443) ☐ **Oliver!**: Palladium (0171-494 5020) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400) ☐ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-416 6054) ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (0171-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

DANGEROUS GROUND (18) Revenge thriller, set in South Africa, with Ice Cube and Elizabeth Hurley. **Virgin Trocadero** (0171-434 0031)

◆ **HIGH SCHOOL HIGH** (15): Rough going for an idealistic teacher in an inner city school. Paltry comedy vehicle for John Lovitz. Director, Hart Bochner. **Odeon West End** (0181-315 4221) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0990 888990)

KILLER: A JOURNAL OF MURDER (18): Thoughtful drama about an unrepentant criminal, with James Woods and Robert Sean Leonard. Director, Tim Metcalfe. **Metro** (0171-437 0757)

◆ **MICROCOSMOS** (U): Astonishing French field trip to the world of insects, filmed with microscopic photography. **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Watermans** (0181-568 1176)

LA PASSIONE (15): Extended and pretentious music video featuring Chris Rea's music. Director, John B. Hobbs. **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **THE RELIC** (15): Monster ruins a natural history museum's gala opening. Tiresome nonsense, with Penelope Ann Miller and Tom Sizemore. **ABCs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Plaza** ♿ (0990 888990) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** ♿ (0171-434 0031) **Warner** ♿ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **WHEN WE WERE KINGS** (PG): Oscar-winning portrait of the boxer Muhammad Ali as he fights George Foreman in 1974. Director, Leon Gast. **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527)

CURRENT

◆ ***THE ENGLISH PATIENT*** (15): Map-making Ralph Fiennes smoulders with passion for Kristin Scott Thomas. **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Greenwich** (0181-235 3005) **Odeons: Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Mezzanine** ♿ (0181-315 4215) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **Plaza** (0990-888 990) **UCI Whiteleys** (0990-888 990) **Virgin Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **THE PORTRAIT OF A LADY** (12): Jane Campion's icily elegant adaptation of Henry James, with Nicole Kidman. **ABC Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279) **NFT** (0171-928 3232) **Prince Charles** (0171-437 8181)

◆ **RETURN OF THE JEDI** (U): Luke Skywalker battles Darth Vader yet again. *Special edition of the 1983 Star Wars* sequel, with Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford. **Odeons: Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0990 888990) **Virgin Trocadero** ♿ (0171-434 0031) **Warner** ♿ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **SCREAM** (18): Wes Craven's rousing horror romp, with Neve Campbell and in-jokes galore. **Greenwich** (0181-235 3005) **Odeons: Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **Plaza** ♿ (0990 888990) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

POP: Nashville's slickest wows the faithful in Dublin; pop's most tortured ego lands in London

Straight from the hat

Garth Brooks
Croke Park, Dublin

To his critics, Garth Brooks is the Man They Love To Hate, the blandest of superstars who, unlike thoroughbred country legends such as Hank Williams, Johnny Cash or Gram Parsons, has nothing of the night in him. His music, they say, is all that is rotten in the state of Nashville; a hatful of hollow, signifying nothing.

To his fans — and there are considerably more of those — he is an all-American hero for the 1990s. A baseball, basketball and athletics fanatic at school, Brooks is still highly competitive. Yet he is also a devoted family man who lovingly introduces his wife on stage and poignantly dedicates a song to his sick mother. He is the Oklahoma kid, the country singer it is OK to like, the rock star you can take home to meet your parents.

Indeed a cursory scan of the capacity 40,000-strong crowd in Croke Park suggests that your parents were actually at this gig, wearing stetsons, singing along to all the hits, holding their lighters aloft for the ballads and dutifully joining in the Mexican wave.

This was truly an all-ages show. From teenagers grasping a momentary respite from the pressures of exams to spinsters skipping their regular Friday night bingo, one and all sang along — to songs about the rodeo, the honky tonks, their *Friends in Low Places* . . .

What to make of the Brooks phenomenon? After all, he sells out football stadiums quicker than Michael Schumacher changes tyres. He is the second biggest-selling artist in America (after the Beatles), shifting 62 million albums in eight years.

And his three-night stint in this stadium, the mecca of Gaelic games enthusiasts, saw 120,000 people walk through the turnstiles — a record for a performer in this country.

These were the only European dates on his current tour and, given that they were sandwiched between a mammoth live itinerary in America, they testify to the special relationship that Ireland has forged with Brooks in particular and with country music in general.

Abandoning the huge stage for a platform bang in the middle of his devoted followers, Brooks sang the opening verse of his homage to Hibernia — entitled *Ireland* — unaccompanied; his voice mimicking the cadences of traditional Irish folk song. A touching gesture of solidarity or a load of old blarney? A genuine attempt to bond with his fans or a PR stunt that would make Peter Mandelson blush? Unfortunately, at this moment, Brooks's training as a marketing executive becomes all too apparent.

However, there is no arguing about the sheer professionalism of the operation. From the thundering model of a Nasa space station rising spectacularly from the stage at the beginning to the dazzling fireworks during *The Dance* at the finale, this gig pushed all the right showbiz buttons.

The band, which included Trisha Yearwood and Susan Ashton on backing vocals, were flawless and the two-hour set was perfectly paced to accommodate raucous country rock-out and pathos-drenched love songs.

There was only one ingredient missing: soul. This is music which smokes — but never inhales. And like Brooks himself, it is a little too eager to please. But as all the swaying stetsons illustrated, people want to be pleased.

NICK KELLY

Urban cowboy: Garth Brooks interrupted his current American tour to massage his Irish market with three record-breaking, sell-out concerts

Something to crow about

Counting Crows
Empire, W12

Placing Sacramento's fun-loving fivesome Cake on the same bill as the Bay Area kings of aching introspection, Counting Crows, may have seemed like introducing a performance of *King Lear* with a cartoon. Happily, both performances were rewarding.

Even if Cake made an unlikely first course, the band went down well with selections from their congenial *Fashion Nugget* album. Their ragged charms were typified by lead singer John McCrea, looking as though he had just arrived from a fishing trip, while Greg Brown added some endearingly unkempt guitar. They rounded off with their new single, a splendid remake of the Gloria Gaynor anthem *I Will Survive*, the disco mirrorball supplanted by Vincent di Fiore's improbable trumpet solos.

So we worked our way backwards to the main course, and a sharp reminder of the indelible mark made by Counting Crows on the hearts and minds of record buyers everywhere in their year zero of 1994. That was when the sextet's *August And Everything After* album became a global incident and made lead singer and lyricist Adam Duritz the most acclaimed soul-searcher of the day.

The band may never again attain the misty pinnacles of that multimillion-selling debut, but three years on they remain in rude creative and commercial health. Their second album, *Recovering The Satellites*, is gold here and well past two million copies sold worldwide, and on this evidence its best songs are on their way to sharing some of the anthemic status of their predecessors.

The sound and demeanour of this tightly-woven collective are surprisingly robust for a group sometimes portrayed as delicate creative flowers. Duritz is the ultimate first-person lyricist and a guiltless purveyor of what Todd Rundgren once called the ever-popular tortured artist effect, but the anger and desperation he evoked on pieces such as *I'm Not Sleeping* seemed heartfelt indeed.

Each time the band returned to the album that made their name, for *Rain King*, *Mr Jones* or *Omaha*, it was to note-perfect and enraptured accompaniment from a devoted audience. But the encore performance of *A Long December*, from the second album, was the night's most touching. One of the Crows' simplest pieces, featuring Duritz at the piano, it proved that sometimes it takes fewer notes than expected to score a real emotional bullseye.

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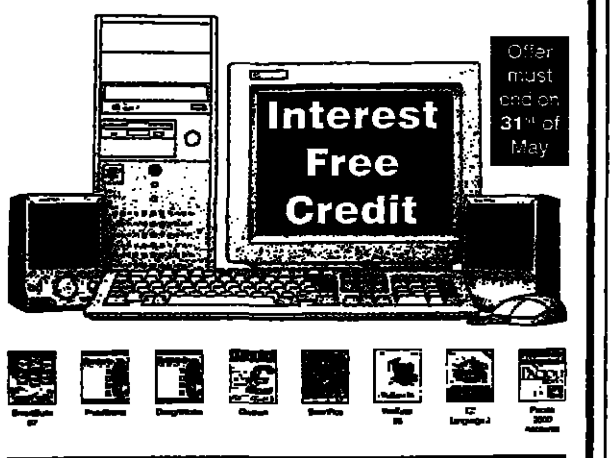

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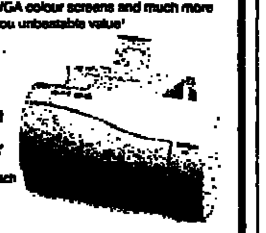

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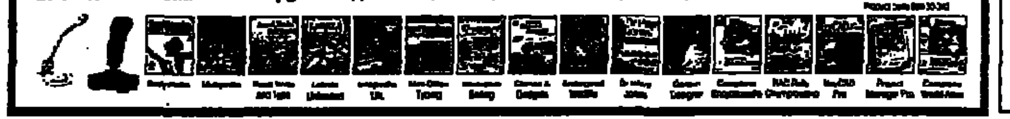

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Enthusiasm wanes for statutory interest on late payments

By Rodney Hobson

TODAY, as MPs debate the business proposals in the Queen's Speech, there is evidence that enthusiasm among small companies for a statutory right to interest on late payments is being dampened by their advisers. Concerns range from what size of companies will be allowed to claim interest to the cost of collecting the penalty.

Small business organisations and advisers will have ample opportunity to voice their worries. A Green Paper will be published before Parliament breaks up in July for the summer recess and the DTI is keen to carry out the widest possible consultation by the autumn.

The Bill will be steered through the Commons by Barbara Roche, the Minister for Small Business and an enthusiast for tackling the issue of late payments. The DTI points out that a range of surveys has highlighted the issue as a big worry for small businesses and that a majority see statutory interest as a possible solution. The Forum of Private Businesses, which has 24,000 members, has led the campaign for interest on late payments.

However, Robert Cressy, of the SME Centre at Warwick University, said: "If small businesses knew the reality of what a statutory right to interest would mean they would probably be less keen. They could be shooting themselves in the foot. Small businesses are net debtors rather than net creditors."

The British Chamber of Commerce went further, immediately attacking the government proposals as "ill conceived". Ian Peters, deputy director-general, said small businesses will not be able to make the law stick. He fears that the new Labour Government is in too much of a hurry to demonstrate its support for small businesses.

That reaction flies in the face of surveys of small businesses that make up Chamber of Commerce membership. For instance, a report by the Small Business Research Centre at Kingston University, on behalf of Office World, found that late payment was the single most important policy issue for small businesses in the run-up to the election. A statutory right to interest was the favoured solution.

Simon Lees, group product manager at Equifax, the commercial information supplier, said: "Legislation may be useful because it sets a business climate that says payments should be made within agreed terms ... but small businesses will be reluctant to prejudice relations with major customers."

Mike Davis, small business services director at Barclays Bank, said: "Businesses are already free to include interest clauses in contracts in respect of late payments. This practice is not commonplace, particularly among smaller businesses, because of the time and cost involved and the impact this could have on future business."

David Miles, a partner at BDO Stoy Hayward, said: "The planned legislation seems unlikely to benefit growing businesses in general although it may be of help to those businesses that only have one-off relationships such as building contractors where late payment can too easily lead to insolvency."

Stephen Alambritis, spokesman for the Federation of Small Businesses, said businesses should do more to help themselves by taking out credit references, sending out invoices promptly to the right department and chasing up overdue accounts. He said: "Small businesses jump for joy when they get an order. Only later do they think about getting paid. An order that is supplied and not paid for is not an order, it is a gift."

He wants the courts' role toughened. "It is up to you to organise bailiffs and get the judgment enforced. The court should do that." He welcomes references in the Queen's Speech to the possibility of drawing up a blacklist of late payers and to government departments paying more promptly.

"Yes, I know you've got a cash flow problem. It's all flowing out of here"

Company charts course for the final journey

By Mark Andrews

BURIAL at sea is usually reserved for those who die on voyage. Warships, merchant ships and cruise liners slip their dead into the deep. If you die on land and have opted for a watery grave, it is not so easy. Only 104 people have been buried at sea in the past eight years.

"It's an involved business," says Stephen Charles-Davis, head of the Britannia Shipping Company for Burial at Sea. His company, is based at Newton Poppleford, Sidmouth, Devon, and seems to have cornered the market.

Mr Charles-Davis, once an osteopath, formed Britannia when his father expressed a wish to be buried at sea. He could find no one to do it — so he followed the rules and did it himself. That was ten years ago. The business now has a staff of 12, six of them part-timers. The chaplain is a retired Royal Navy padre.

Disposal of a body at sea is licensed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. You also need the authority of a coroner to take a body out of the country.

"It's tightly regulated," says Mr Charles-Davis. "There are only two places in England and Wales where you can commit a body to the deep, 11 miles off Newhaven, in East Sussex, and 2½ miles off the Needles on the Isle of Wight."

These areas are designated no-fishing and no-dredging spots. "You can't bury bodies at sea that have been embalmed, because of the toxics involved, and they must be disease free," says Mr Charles-Davis. "It's advisable to use biodegradable paper shrouds. The coffins are made from marine plywood. They're drilled with 40 two-inch diameter holes and weighted on the bottom with six hundredweight of degradable concrete. All are designed to rot after four years. So will the body — a natural process of decay, due to the action of the sea."

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Stephen Charles-Davis, left, and Austin Riley, a fellow director of the Britannia burial-at-sea company

Britannia hires a small Isle of Wight ferry — often the *Island Rose* — and installs a tipping platform. To ensure burial at the right spot, a retired Navy officer navigates.

Sir Ludovic Kennedy, the broadcaster, is a director of Britannia and an enthusiast for burial at sea. "The sea is the great watery womb from which our ancestors emerged," he says. "What is more natural than to be returned there?"

Britannia does two burials a month, on average. "It's never going to compete with interment and cremation," says Mr Charles-Davis. "And we're not in competition with them. We're offering a special service to a few who want it." Cost is a big factor — conventional burial or cremation costs about £1,300. Burial at sea is nearly £3,000. Britannia also carries out many scatterings of ashes at sea. It can be done by relatives from a rowing boat, but Britannia can give it a sense of occasion by providing a chaplain, or even a piper.

Mr Charles-Davis says that it is helpful if someone who wants to be buried at sea informs the company beforehand, to minimise delay in arranging to bring the body for embarkation at Keyhaven, Hampshire.

Mourners can use a cabin for refreshments and music can be played as the ship reaches the burial area, for the chaplain to say a prayer for committal to the deep.

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The paper mountain that costs the earth

By Rodney Hobson

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Nigel Palmer, managing director of Gestetner Consulting, says: "The daily life of every office worker is directly affected by the technology that helps us to print, copy and present papers in endless different shapes, colours and packages. But few organisations have taken stock of how much it is costing them to produce these seemingly endless pieces of paper that pile up on our desks, in our files and in our bins."

He tackled bosses and asked them how much photocopies and faxes cost. Most picked a figure that was about half the true cost.

Mr Palmer says: "A third of company directors admit that when they need papers for a meeting they simply do not give any thought to how those documents are produced." Few seemed to realise that copying in colour was far more expensive than black and white.

Mr Palmer points to the sharp increase in the use of fax machines. Fewer than 50,000 a year were sold ten years ago. Last year 600,000 were bought.

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The extent of crime such as theft and vandalism being committed against small businesses is being logged so that the police can be given a true picture. Many business owners do not report crime, claiming the police take little interest except in serious cases, possibly because they lack the resources for thorough investigation. Others fail to make insurance claims, fearing their premiums will be increased — so figures from insurance companies may also be unrealistic. The Federation of Small Businesses is therefore conducting a comprehensive study to discover the level of crime and the proportion being reported. The findings will be put to the police in the hope that all incidents will be fully investigated. At the same time the federation is urging its members to report all criminal incidents to the police to strengthen the campaign to persuade them to take action.

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☐ Almost half Britain's small businesses believe preparations for a single European currency, including new accountancy systems, pricing structures and computer equipment and software, will cost them up to £5,000, says a Lloyds TSB report. In addition, two thirds say they do not know what to do next. John Spence, Lloyds TSB's business banking managing director, wants greater clarification of the possible effects.

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Julia and Nick Richardson outside their house near Milton Keynes in Buckinghamshire. Traffic noise has made their home life "unbearable"

Battle of Eagle Farm

Jonathan Clay reports a planning decision that has prevented a farmer from building on his own land

Nick and Julia Richardson have lost their final battle in the High Court to build a new farmhouse on the land in Buckinghamshire that their family has farmed for more than 40 years. Ironically, their defeat came not long after the Government published a new Planning Policy Guidance (PPG7), which heralded the return of the "country house" to legitimate rural development.

The Richardsons' existing home had been rendered — in the judge's words — "unbearable" — because of the ever-increasing traffic on the M1 passing yards away.

Nevertheless, at the recent hearing in the High Court, Michael Rich, QC, a deputy High Court judge, upheld the planning inspector's decision to refuse permission for a new farmhouse to replace their home. In planning policy terms, it would not be a "replacement" because it was too far away from the site of the existing house (in order to escape the noise), and because it is to be bought by the Highways Agency, the Richardsons could not ensure that the existing house would be demolished. A "replacement" dwelling, Mr Rich ruled, must be "on the same site as the existing house".

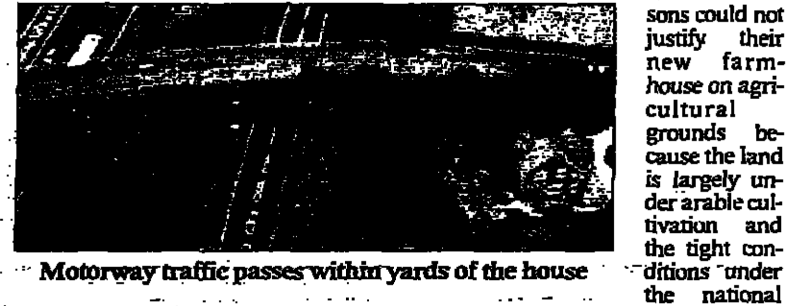
Mrs Richardson's parents had bought Eagle Farm in 1954, well before the M1 was carved through Buckinghamshire in 1960. In the early years of the motorway, about 20,000 vehicles a day passed on dual two-lane carriageways. By 1980, when Mr Richardson took over the running of the farm from his father-in-law, the motorway was dual three-lane and carrying about four times that amount of traffic. The heaviest flows were in the morning and evening peak periods. Since then, traffic has more than doubled again and, as the motorway network reaches its congestion threshold, the peak hours have spread, so that for the whole of the day and much of the night the motorway is carrying huge volumes of traffic, about 20 per cent of it heavy goods vehicles. The Highways Agency now plans to widen the motorway again, by adding a fourth lane in each direction on each side.

As Mr Richardson put it: "We have a stark choice: either to remain in the existing house, where the noise level is so high that planning permission for a new house on the existing site would be automatically refused, for noise reasons alone, or find alternative accommodation in nearby Milton Keynes as the local planning authority suggested, and which was endorsed by the planning inspector."

Their case is not simply a personal tragedy. It exposes how, in trying to protect the countryside "for its own sake" (as PPG7 puts it), the restrictions provided by the legislative and policy framework of planning, combined with the objectives of the national strategic highway network, are acting to expel a genuine farmer from his own farm.

By the chairman's casting vote, the planning committee of Milton Keynes Borough Council turned down the application for planning permission on a new site, 200 metres from the existing house. The appeal mechanism swung into action and after a two-day public inquiry, the Department of Environment inspector turned down the appeal. The inspector considered that the new house, though well designed, would cause "serious harm" to the open countryside because of its prominence in the landscape.

Such is the planning framework surrounding the countryside that a well-loved feature in the English landscape, a farmhouse on a farm, is now thought to be a harmful development in the open countryside.



Motorway traffic passes within yards of the house

The inspector considered the personal circumstances of the Richardsons and their two teenage sons and though he found himself "greatly taxed" by them, he considered himself obliged, having regard to the planning policy and the effect on the countryside, to dismiss the appeal.

Section 54A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended, creates a presumption in favour of the local development plan, which confined new housing to villages and towns. This meant the Richardsons had to cross the hurdle of falling within one of the exceptions in the Buckinghamshire Structure Plan by which new isolated houses in the countryside might be granted permission.

The two exceptions that could apply allowed such houses if necessary for agriculture or involved "extension, improvement or replacement" of an existing dwelling. Ironically, though they farm their 60 hectares at Eagle Farm from the Eagle Farm House, the Richardsons could not justify their new farmhouse on agricultural grounds because the land is largely under arable cultivation and the tight conditions under the national Planning Policy Guidance on new farm buildings do not generally justify a farmer living on his land.

So Mr Richardson turned to the second exception, arguing that his new house would be a "replacement" for his existing farmhouse. After all, it would be the new house of the farmer who farms the land and would be situated on the farm. This interpretation was rejected as not generally accepted: and was, the judge said, "wholly misconceived."

The Richardsons and their two young sons now face the choice of bearing the unbearable, or joining the daily commuters of Milton Keynes, contributing to the very problem that is driving them from their home. A recent study for the council shows that hundreds of acres of farm land on the periphery of the town are likely to be swallowed up by the expansion of Milton Keynes during the next 20 years.

The new PPG7, *Planning Policy Guidance Guidance for the Countryside*, published last February — which replaces the guidance used in the Richardson's appeal — proclaims that "Sustainable development is the cornerstone of both the Government's rural policies and its planning policies". That includes the aim of of meeting "the economic and social needs of people who live and work in rural areas" and reducing the need for commuting by cars.

If such sentiments are to be met in reality, planning policy will need to be flexible enough to recognise that there is something intrinsically valuable in having a farmer living on his land. Not to do so ignores a relationship, understood in the cradle of what we now call "civilisation", between people and the cultivation of land.

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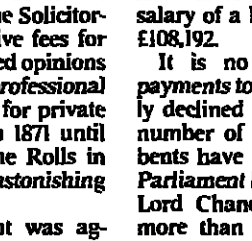
The law officers are worthy of their hire

There is no subject of greater interest to lawyers than the earnings of their colleagues. Of particular fascination this month is that a successful commercial lawyer, Charles Falconer, QC, has given up a lucrative career at the Bar to become Solicitor-General.

The Attorney-General and the Solicitor-General have onerous responsibilities as the principal legal advisers to the Government and to the Crown. The Attorney-General (John Morris, QC,) receives £63,756 a year, plus his salary of £43,860 as an MP. The Solicitor-General currently receives £52,278, which would normally be supplemented by an MP's salary. Because Mr Falconer is not an MP, his salary will be increased to £78,072, the amount currently paid to the Lord Advocate.

Until 1946, how much the law officers should be paid was a subject of political and public controversy. The deal done to settle the issue has, in the past 50 years, been so undermined to the financial disadvantage of the law officers that a successful barrister is now required to show a very strong sense of public duty if he is to accept the post.



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The history is discussed by Professor John Edwards in *The Law Officers of the Crown* (Sweet & Maxwell, 1964). Traditionally, the law officers received a fee for each item of legal advice and each case in which they represented the Crown, and were also able to act for private clients. Consequently, their earnings were substantial. In 1616, Sir Francis Bacon received £6,000 a year while acting as Attorney-General. In the 1850s, Solicitor-General Sir Richard Bethell earned more than £20,000 a year.

A Treasury minute in 1871 imposed some control by paying an annual salary for non-contentious Crown business: £7,000 to the Attorney-General and £6,000 to the Solicitor-General. They continued to receive fees for contentious business and associated opinions "according to the ordinary professional scale", and were permitted to act for private clients. As Solicitor-General from 1871 until his appointment as Master of the Rolls in 1873, Sir George Jessel earned an astonishing £30,000 a year.

By the 1890s, the Government was aggrieved by the difficulty in obtaining advice from the law officers when they were so busy representing private clients. There was also public and professional criticism of the Attorney-General, Sir Richard Webster (although it did not prevent his becoming Lord Chief Justice Alverstone), for his sharp conduct when appearing as counsel for *The Times*. As a result, in 1892 Gladstone's Government prohibited the law officers from appearing as counsel for private clients.

But in addition to their salaries, the law officers continued to earn substantial fees for representing the Crown in court. In 1921, Sir Gordon Hewart, as Attorney-General, received £27,000 for such work. Lloyd George told a parliamentary select committee in 1930 that such remuneration from the Crown was "outrageous" and "preposterous" since he "did not believe any lawyer would refuse to accept the post if you said to him 'You will get £7,000 and the headship of your profession'."

Change was inevitable, despite the subtle argument to the 1930 select committee by the first Lord Hailsham, himself a former Attorney-General, that the fees were effectively paid by unsuccessful litigants ordered to pay costs after being defeated by the superior advocacy of the law officers. But just as the Chancellor of the Exchequer does not receive extra remuneration for greater productivity, so the law officers had to accept an all-inclusive salary for their work.

In 1946, it was agreed that the Attorney-General would be paid £10,000 a year and the Solicitor-General £7,000. At a time when a High Court judge earned £5,000, those salaries were set at reasonable figures which recognised that law officers would be giving up lucrative careers at the Bar and would have onerous responsibilities in court and out.

In the past 50 years (when the cost of living has increased twentyfold), the salaries of the law officers have fallen substantially in real and comparative terms, in breach of the implied terms of the 1946 agreement. Of course, a Solicitor-General cannot expect to be paid what successful barristers earn in private practice. But the status and duties of the post require that payment should be at least level with the (ungenerous) annual salary of a High Court judge, which is now £108,192.

It is no coincidence that just as the payments to the law officers have substantially declined in value since 1946, so have the number of occasions on which the incumbents have represented the Crown in court. Parliament has required that the salary of the Lord Chancellor should be £2,500 a year more than that of the Lord Chief Justice (currently £138,165). The new Parliament should link the pay for the Solicitor-General to that for a High Court judge, and link the wages of the Attorney-General to those received by a Court of Appeal judge (£122,415).

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Row over Woolf

LORD WOOLF, Master of the Rolls, and Michael Zander, of the London School of Economics, are in public dispute over the Woolf reforms to civil justice. It started with Professor Zander's speech last month to the Chancery Bar Association, a detailed critique of the Woolf reforms, which Professor Zander has attacked for the past two years.

Lord Woolf last week hit back in his Gee lecture to the Royal College of Physicians. The professor's criticisms were "misleading and inaccurate" and to pay him serious attention, Lord Woolf said, would be "to give him credit he does not deserve".

Professor Zander, who was in the audience, tried to answer back, but was firmly silenced by the chairman. The debate has a serious point: concern is growing that Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, the new Lord Chancellor, might "call a halt" to work in progress, while the cost-benefit analysis he wants is carried out.

Lord Woolf said: "Unintentionally, he [Professor Zander] would damage a process of change which is already taking place and which — while it will not be smooth — offers real hope for the future, as judges, practitioners and insurance bodies up and down the land recognise."

Best employers

DAVIES Arnold Cooper and *Clifford Chance* are the only two law firms to be included in the Corporate Research Foundation's new ranking of Britain's best employers. DAC is thus the only law firm to feature in both the *Top UK Employers* and *Top 100 UK Companies of the Future* publications.

To celebrate, DAC offered champagne to all staff — and visitors — last Friday, and gave staff an extra day off. What is Clifford Chance doing?

Classic farewell

MR Justice Parker, the High Court judge who sits as Vice-Chancellor of the County Palatine of Lancaster, last week staged a surprise farewell for his retiring usher, Brian Jessop, a classics scholar.

He listed the occasion as just another application to be heard — then packed the court with well-wishers and friends — a sort of *This is Your Life*, the judge explained.

Mr Justice Parker told Mr Jessop that he would miss "being able to look over the bench at moments of stress and see you calmly composing some Latin verse".

HQ: happening place

Society do of the year

FORGET the seaside, the Law Society's headquarters off Fleet Street will be *the* fashionable destination for day-trippers this summer. Flyers promoting a cut-price trip to Chancery Lane in June are being distributed to solicitors in the South West. For just £15, they will be ferried to London by minibus for an action-packed tour of the society's bustling headquarters. The flyer says: "A comprehensive programme has been put together, presenting an opportunity to meet and quiz senior members of the Law Society's management team."

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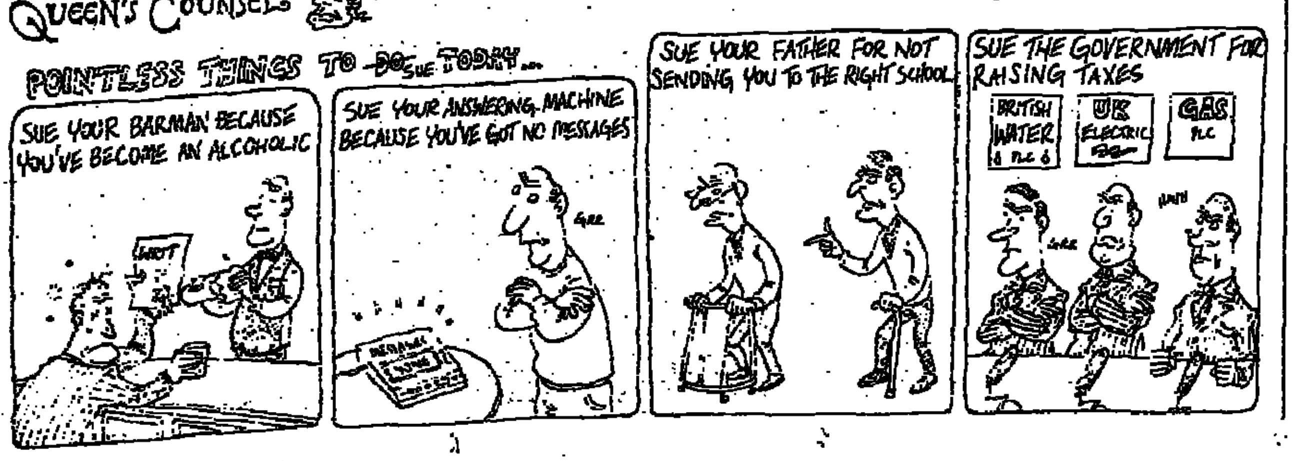

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Damages awards against US media average $2.8 million, reports **James Zirin**

In the land of the multimillion libel

Huge verdicts in libel cases are back in vogue in America. Despite all the legal obstacles, the average damages award in libel and privacy cases against the media in 1996 was $2.8 million (about £1.7 million), significantly up from the 1995 average of $1.6 million.

On March 20, a seven-person Houston federal court jury awarded a record $222.7 million in compensatory and punitive damages against the company that publishes *The Wall Street Journal* and one of the *Journal*'s reporters. The plaintiff, a defunct brokerage, claimed it had been forced out of business by an article containing at least eight false statements about its financial and business practices. Commenting on the staggering verdict, the managing editor of the *Journal* explained that the paper merely chronicled the difficulties of the brokerage; it did not cause them.

Last December a Miami jury returned a $10 million libel verdict against ABC in favour of Alan Levan, BankAtlantic's chairman, and his BFC Financial Corp. Mr Levan claimed that the network defamed him in a programme that was highly critical of a real-estate-for-bonds swap he had engineered. The jury regarded the programme as a hatchet job on Levan's character.

Highly publicised settlements have added fuel to the fire. Consider the case of Richard Jewell, the Atlanta security guard investigated by the FBI last summer in connection with the bombing at the Atlanta Olympics. After the FBI dropped Mr Jewell as a suspect, he won cash settlements from NBC and CNN and filed a libel suit against the *Atlanta Constitution* for implying that Mr Jewell was the man responsible.

The paper has said it will fight the case because it considers that the suit puts at issue its credibility and reputation.

In 1964, when the Supreme Court in *New York Times v Sullivan* decided that constitutional free-press guarantees permitted a public figure to sue for libel only if there has been shown by "clear and convincing evidence" either "knowledge of the falsity" or a "reckless disregard for the truth", many thought it effectively sounded the death knell on defamation claims in America. The court reasoned that the first remedy of any victim of defamation is self-help: counteracting the false statement by effective communication, and public figures normally enjoy greater access to the media than private persons who may lack effective means of rebuttal.

There was a further underpinning to the court's reasoning. Public figures have chosen to assume positions of special prominence in society. A prominent footballer has eagerly performed under the spotlight of media attention. The court considers that the media are entitled to assume that public figures have voluntarily exposed themselves to increased risk of injury from defamatory falsehood.

A public figure may have achieved such fame or notoriety that he or she becomes a public figure for all purposes or may, through participation in the controversy giving rise to the defamation, become a "limited purpose public figure" who has thus "thrust himself into the vortex of public opinion." A "limited purpose public figure" could be almost anyone newsworthy.

The Supreme Court in *Sullivan* effectively threw a monkey wrench into the ancient libel machinery. It is almost impossible to prove either that a news organisation knowingly published a false statement or published a statement uncaring whether it was true or false. Such matters involve probing someone's state of mind. And that is often difficult to prove.

Some public figures, however, have not been daunted by the obstacles. General William Westmoreland sued CBS some years ago, claiming that he had been libelled by the suggestion that he had deliberately understated enemy troop strength in Vietnam. To the consternation of his supporters, he capitulated, withdrawing the case just before it was to go to the jury. General Ariel Sharon sued *Time* magazine for suggesting that the secret report of an Israeli investigative commission had held him responsible for a massacre of civilians in Lebanon. The jury decided for *Time*, finding the statements in the magazine false but published without knowledge of the falsity or reckless disregard for the truth. Both lawsuits, though unsuccessful in court, served to rebut the unfounded published reports.

Juries hostile to the media have returned large damages awards in suits brought by public figures. Such awards, however, are in most cases overturned on appeal. Since *Sullivan*, more than 56 per cent of plaintiffs' verdicts in libel cases have been reversed on appeal, compared with a 17 per cent reversal rate in federal civil cases overall.

Back in Texas, the latest action involves the reporting of a police investigation into charges later established to be unfounded. After Erik Williams, the star offensive lineman for the Dallas Cowboys, was falsely accused of rape, he is suing the local television station and its reporter, alleging they coaxed the woman in the accusations so they could have a story. Mr Williams says he will donate any proceeds to charity.

Libel actions pose the question of what is more important: an individual's interest in his good name or the public's interest in a free press? What is more valuable: the freedom to publish or the duty to publish the truth? The debate rages on in the context of legal proceedings that pit the media's reputation against that of the people in the news.

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NEWSWEEK

Richard Jewell, above, unfairly accused, and Erik Williams, who claimed a story against him was concocted

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Edward Fennell reports on a developing strategy in the City that will have implications for law firms

Birth of the mega-biz?

ROBIN MAYES

Tite, left, and Lewis: link with Coopers & Lybrand

Nothing stands still for long *in the law business. Just a* fortnight ago there were celebrations for a decade of dominance of the London scene by Clifford Chance and the success of its international formula.

But already it seems that this formula, now adopted by an elite group of half a dozen firms, may have to change within the next five years.

The party-poopers are the big accountancy firms. Throughout the City's legal community, the realisation has dawned within the last week or two that there can be no possibility of mistaking the seriousness with which the big City accountancy outfits intend to tackle legal services.

Just how far they had intended to go has been a matter of speculation since Garretts was established with the backing of Arthur Andersen in the early 1990s. This was followed by Coopers & Lybrand, which agreed terms with Tite & Lewis, and Price Waterhouse with its Arnheim & Co initiative.

Andersen now positions itself as an all-round "business adviser" and legal advice is a key part of the service. Peter Wyman, Coopers & Lybrand's tax chief, acknowledges that the Andersen initiative has "changed the market" and that for his firm, too, "integrated legal and accounting services" will be important. And KPMG, which has no law firm in the UK, is now looking hard at the possibility of developing one (or, more likely, a group of associated regional firms).

So the period of market testing is ending, and the results are positive. People such as Julia Chain, who heads Garretts, says the last couple of years have confirmed that many clients want integrated, multidisciplinary business-advice services.

Christopher Tite and Mark Lewis have had the same experience. Because of a link with Coopers & Lybrand, they reckon that Tite & Lewis will have doubled in size by the end of the year. They are receiving work from Coopers' existing clients and Coopers is gaining clients through Tite & Lewis.

The new formula of being part of a service that provides all-round business advice rather than simply technical skills is attractive to those who are still fairly new to the profession. But it could take a decade before the top firms feel under any pressure.

There has been gossip for a few months about Garretts again leading the way in seeking a merger with a large City firm. It pulled off a coup in Spain by linking with Garrigues, probably the country's *most respected and modern law* firm. Now, Andersen, through Garretts, is likely to do something roughly similar in London. When that happens, it will send shock waves around the City. Not only important in itself, it will also, almost certainly, force the hands of the other accountancy-based firms.

And remember, the real impetus for change comes from exactly the same arguments as made by Chance and Freshfields about their own growth. The biggest corporate clients want global services. Mr Tite and Mr Lewis, say: "Coopers & Lybrand can already provide them on a scale bigger than the largest City law firms can offer and that is where the accountants have the edge."

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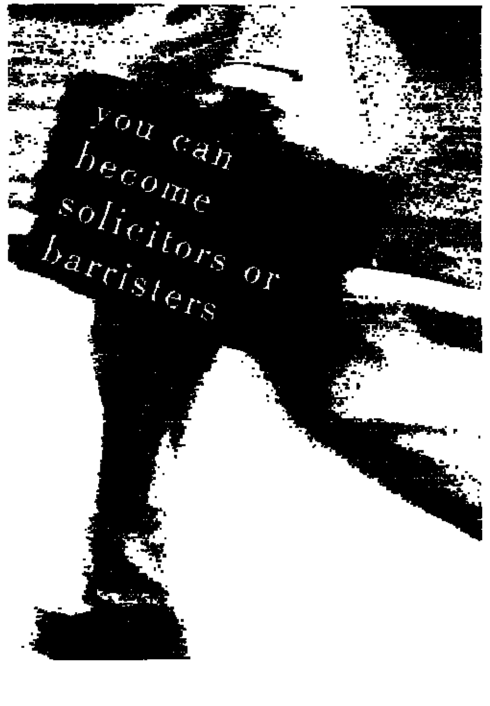

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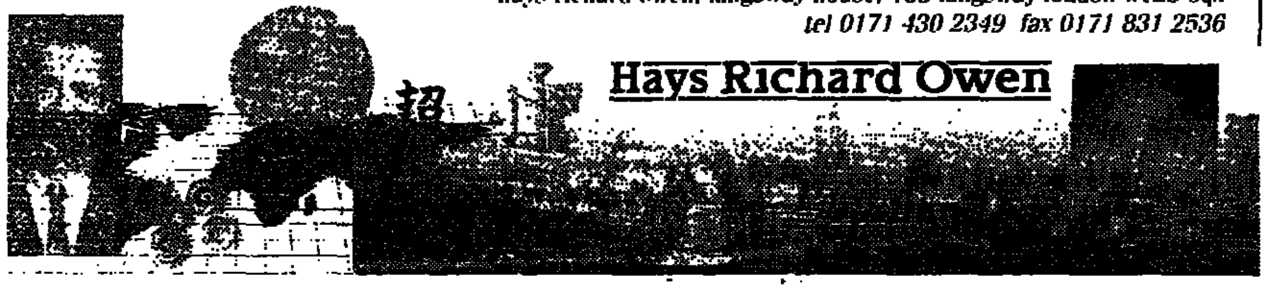

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RACING: FABRE-TRAINED COLT TO REPRESENT SHEIKH MOHAMMED IN DERBY

Cloudings offers ray of hope

By Julian Muscat

CLOUDINGS, owned by Sheikh Mohammed, will ensure that the world's largest owner is represented in the Derby, despite the temporary closure of the sheikh's Godolphin stable. Unless the ground is rock-hard at Epsom on June 7, Cloudings will run on the recommendation of his trainer, André Fabre.

The son of Sadler's Wells is expected to be ridden by Olivier Peslier, who, in the wake of Godolphin's tribulations, seems certain to lose the Derby mount aboard Benny The Dip to Frankie Dettori. With Happy Valentine having been removed from the betting yesterday, Godolphin's last Derby possibility is Stowaway, entered at Doncaster on Saturday but far from certain to run.

Peslier partnered the John Gosden-trained Benny The Dip to win the Dante Stakes at York last week but Gosden, whose Stanley House stables has first claim on Dettori, is anxious that the Italian should renew his partnership with Benny The Dip.

It was Peslier who rode Cloudings last time out, when the colt worked hard to master the handicapper, Zenith Rose, in the slowly run Prix Lupin at Longchamp nine days ago. Nevertheless, Fabre's endorsement of Cloudings will see the colt's odds tumble from the 33-1 widely available.

Historically, Fabre has been reluctant to send anything other than suitable candidates to Epsom. Anthony Stroud, racing manager to Sheikh Mohammed, said yesterday: "The trainer likes Cloudings. He describes him as a well-balanced colt, who should be comfortable around the course. He is improving and he has a good turn of foot, and Fabre has reminded us we should not be afraid of one horse. Cloudings deserves his chance but he must obviously improve to take a hand."

In view of Fabre's opinion of Cloudings, the colt may have been unsuited to the testing surface at Longchamp last time. Entrepreneur's connections will hardly lose sleep over *the participation* of Cloudings, but the colt adds some badly needed depth to the Derby field.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Mohammed is likely to be represented in the Prix du Jockey-Club (French Derby) by Perfect Paradigm, whose sights have been raised from the Italian equivalent. Trained, like Benny The Dip, by Gosden, Perfect Paradigm comfortably defied top weight in a Chester handicap earlier this month and Flirting Around, who chased him home, has since prevailed at York. *But Apprehension*, another in the sheikh's livery, is to miss the Derby in favour of the King Edward VII Stakes at Royal Ascot.

David Loder, who trains Apprehension, may yet be represented at Epsom by Indiscreet, who contests the final recognised Derby trial, the Westminster Taxi Insurance Predominate Stakes (3.40), at Goodwood today. But Indiscreet only just scrambled home in a poor race at Beverley ten days ago; he is best watched.

Grapeshot is a more attractive *proposition*. An honest colt, he ran well in defeat behind Desert Story in the Craven Stakes last time and that form is a cut above anything yet recorded by his five opponents. Conon Falls represents the Gosden stable, but he seemed sure to appreciate further than this ten furlongs when successful over the trip in minor company at Chester recently. He looks the one Grapeshot has to beat.

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Nap: GRAPESHOT
(3.40 Goodwood)
Next best: Monaassib
(4.45 Goodwood)

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

The unbeaten Indiscreet attempts to advance his Derby claims in the Predominate Stakes at Goodwood today

Just Nick to gain deserved success

GOODWOOD — BBC1

2.40: Broad River enjoyed a recent confidence booster at Redcar and could be well treated. However, his inexperience causes concern. The handicapper seems to have Zaima's measure, while Green Jewel may be anchored by a 4lb rise. **Just Nick**, a good second to Tayseer at York last week, merits the vote to continue his progress.

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

3.10: Both Diligence and Be My Wish showed promise at Chester recently. They could both be up against a born speedster in **Shegardi**, who cost 200,000gns as a yearling. A half-brother to Titus Livius, Shegardi should not fail through inexperience.

3.40: see left.

BBC2

4.10: Gold Spats shaped with promise on his Kempton return, giving the impression we have yet to see the best of him. He should again account for Star Talent. Capilano Princess looks the danger after a convincing recent victory.

JULIAN MUSCAT

RUGBY UNION

Lions get early exposure to heat exhaustion

From David Hands
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT, IN DURBAN

IF SUCCESSFUL tours are built on sweat — the blood and tears may come later — then the 1997 British Lions have started well. The players perspired in 80F of South African heat at King's Park here yesterday, the solitary exception being Paul Grayson, who is likely to miss the opening game on Saturday against an Eastern Province Invitation XV.

Grayson, the Northampton stand-off half, has had an adverse muscular reaction to the intensive goal-kicking practice he has been doing and requires a further two days of rest. Having recovered from the hip injury that kept him out of action for the last two months of the domestic season, he does not want to return prematurely and put his whole tour at risk.

Yet little more than 24 hours after arrival in South Africa, his colleagues discovered the management to be in unforgiving mood. Jim Telfer, whose aggressive approach to training is legendary beyond his Scottish boundaries, felt the physical intensity of the morning rated no higher than three or four out of ten, but, for all that, even the warm-ups involved a physicality that is a hint of what is to come.

"We trained in a bit of discomfort — I don't think it can get much hotter than that — but it's less likely to surprise us if it stays like this," Ian McGeechan, the coach, said. "We will build the intensity through the week." The intensity yesterday left Jeremy Davidson, the Ireland lock, with a stiff neck, while a viral infection allowed Alan Tait, the Scotland centre, to miss the closing stages of a 2¼-hour session.

As important to the Lions, who will name their first team tomorrow, was the management meeting with Steve Strydom and Freek Burger, respectively chairman and manager of the South African Rugby Football Union's referee development programme. Strydom returned last week from a meeting of southern-hemisphere officials in New Zealand, where concerns arising from the Super 12 tournament were discussed.

"We need to understand what the referees will be looking for and which areas they see as important," McGeechan said. "We have to be able to adapt to that. I don't want us to find the problems *when we're on the field.*" Lineouts have dwindled in the Super 12 tournament and scrums have increased.

South African officials have been allocated to the provincial matches, but the international referees invited to officiate at the three internationals — Paddy O'Brien, of New Zealand, Joel Dumé, of France, and Peter Marshall, of Australia — must be confirmed by their respective unions.

In the light of this, the players endured a heavy programme with the scrummage machine at King's Park as the front-row men tried to discover each other's foibles. Keith Wood, for example, is taller than the other two hookers, Mark Regan and Barry Williams (whose transfer from Neath to Richmond was confirmed yesterday) and the props have to adjust, so there was a stream of advice and encouragement from the two senior front-row forwards, Jason Leonard and David Young.

But the Britons have also to beware the Super 12 entertainment trap. Referees are encouraged to keep play fluid, bonus points are available for try-scoring and crowds have flocked to watch the better teams, notably Auckland Blues, Wellington Hurricanes and the ACT Brumbies. "Test match rugby is still different, simply because of the sheer competitiveness of it," McGeechan observed.

Grayson: muscle reaction

England players get quickly into stride

ENGLAND'S travel-weary players got down to business yesterday after arriving in Argentina for the start of their three-week tour. Phil de Glanville, the captain, led the 30-man squad through a light training session in Cordoba, where England tackle Argentina's state champions under floodlights tomorrow night.

The players had endured an exhausting 20-hour journey, which included delays at Madrid airport and São Paulo, where fog prevented take-off for more than an hour.

"There are no easy games on this trip," de Glanville said, "and Cordoba certainly have an opportunity to catch us cold, given that we play them barely 48 hours after stepping off a plane.

"There is no time to find our feet. We've got to go out there and get on with the job immediately. I want to win all six matches, especially both Tests against Argentina."

De Glanville's Bath colleague, the wing, Adedayo Adebayo, is confident he will make the starting line-up against Cordoba, despite an ankle injury. He is among 11 full internationals in the tour squad.

GOODWOOD

THUNDERER

2.10 Selfish	3.40 Further Outlook
2.40 Just Nick	4.10 Arterxerxes
3.10 SHEGARDI (nap)	4.45 Monaassib

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.40 Broad River. 3.40 Grapeshot. 4.10 GOLD SPATS (nap).

GOING: GOOD — DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING — SIS

2.10 TREHEARNE & NORMAN MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £4,890: 1m) (4 runners)

101	(4)		STAR INVADER (M al-Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0	J Reid	—
102	(1)	352-0	WASP RANGER 35 (C Wright) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	91
103	(3)		LOVE VENTURE (F Chao) S Woods 8-9	K Darley	—
104	(2)	32	SELFISH 15 (BF) (L Manopoulos) H Cecil 8-9	K Fallon	●

BETTING: Evens Selfish, 2-1 Star Invader, 9-2 Wasp Ranger, 12-1 Love Venture.

1996: FORZA FIGLIO 9-0 J Reid (3-1 fav) Miss G Kelleway 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

WASP RANGER ½l 2nd of 19 to Entice in maiden at Salisbury (7f, good to soft), Oct 96. SELFISH head 2nd of 12 to Bint Baladee in maiden at Kempton (1m, good); previously 4½l 3rd of 19 to Kool Kat Katie in maiden at Newbury (7f, good to firm). No selection.

2.40 CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE HANDICAP
BBC1
(3-Y-O: £7,375: 7f) (9 runners)

201	(1)	23-1	CAPTAIN COLLINS 33 (F) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-7	J Reid	90
202	(9)	165-30	RUDI'S PET 14 (G) (Broadgate Partnership) R Hannon 9-5	R Hughes	88
203	(3)	1622-1	GREEN JEWEL 18 (D,G) (T Bucknall) R Hannon 8-13	Dane O'Neill	92
204	(7)	0-51	BROAD RIVER 19 (D,F) (M al-Maktoum) E Dunlop 8-13	L Dettori	85
205	(8)	22-1	ASSUME 57 (G) (W Patterson) J Hills 8-11	D Holland	93
206	(5)	413-34	ZAIMA 38 (D,BF,F) (A Faisal) J Dunlop 8-10	K Darley	93
207	(4)	21-232	JUST NICK 5 (S) (D Clarke) W Muir 8-6	Martin Dwyer (3)	●
208	(6)	3510-0	IMPULSIF 15 (D,G) (Mrs M Moloney) D Ffrench Davis 8-4	J Quinn	90
209	(2)	60-600	PAPITA 8 (C,F) (G Steinberg) S Dow 7-12	DOUBTFUL	96

BETTING: 3-1 Just Nick, 7-2 Captain Collins, 4-1 Broad River, Green Jewel, 7-1 Assume, Zaima, 16-1 Rudi's Pet, 33-1 Impulsif

1996: KING OF PERU 9-7 Pat Eddery (14-1) A Jarvis 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

CAPTAIN COLLINS beat Midyan Call 1l in 12-runner maiden at Newmarket (6f, good to firm). GREEN JEWEL beat Speedball neck in 12-runner handicap at Newmarket (7f, good). BROAD RIVER beat Look Who's Calling 1½l in 7-runner maiden at Redcar (7f, firm). ASSUME beat Here's To Howie 7l in 4-runner auction maiden at Lingfield (1m, AW). JUST NICK 2l 2nd of 19 to Tayseer in handicap at York (7f, good).
Selection: JUST NICK

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103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 _ B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.10 SOUTHERNPRINT MAIDEN STAKES
BBC1
(2-Y-O: £4,890: 5f) (7 runners)

301	(2)	2	DILIGENCE 13 (BF) (Axom) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	●
302	(7)	40	LAST KNIGHT 41 (W Ponsonby) M Channon 9-0	P P Murphy (5)	82
303	(6)		PURE COINCIDENCE (Mrs A Muinos) G Lewis 9-0	A Clark	—
304	(5)	223	RON'S PET 3 (BF) (G Tan) R Hannon 9-0	R Hughes	98
305	(3)		SHEGARDI (Thoroughbred Corporation) D Loder 9-0	L Dettori	—
306	(4)	3	BE MY WISH 12 (T Tran) Gay Kelleway 8-9	R Cochrane	77
307	(1)		TAALLUF (H al-Maktoum) W Hern 8-9	R Hills	—

BETTING: 13-8 Diligence, 7-2 Shegardi, 5-1 Be My Wish, 6-1 Ron's Pet, 7-1 Taalluf, 14-1 Pure Coincidence, 20-1 Last Knight.

1996: DEADLY DUDLEY 9-0 M J Kinane (7-1) R Hannon 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

DILIGENCE 1½l 2nd of 7 to Only For Gold in maiden at Chester (5f, soft). LAST KNIGHT about 4½l 4th of 6 to Miquelon in maiden at Newcastle (5f, good). PURE COINCIDENCE (foaled Mar 12, cost 10,500gns) half-brother to Knotty Hill, 7f winner at five years; dam 5f juvenile winner, later multiple winner in Europe). RON'S PET short-head 2nd of 9 to Hoh Chi Min in maiden at Haydock (5f, soft) on penultimate start. SHEGARDI (Apr 18, 200,000) half-brother to Titus Livius, useful 6f-7f juvenile winner in France; dam 5f-1m winner in France). BE MY WISH 9l 3rd of 6 to Bodfaridistinction in maiden at Chester (5f, heavy). TAALLUF (Feb 7) half-sister to Masafah, 6f winner at three years; dam fairly useful dual 5f juvenile winner. No selection

3.40 WESTMINSTER TAXI INSURANCE PREDOMINATE STAKES
BBC1
(Listed race: 3-Y-O: £22,320: 1m 2f) (6 runners)

401	(6)	3121-2	GRAPESHOT 33 (F) (Mrs T Von Halle) L Cumani 8-11	J Reid	●
402	(2)	03-1	CONON FALLS 14 (D,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-8	L Dettori	87
403	(5)	1314-5	FURTHER OUTLOOK 24 (F,G) (Lady Harrison) Mrs A Perrett 8-8	M Hills	88
404	(1)	1-1	INDISCREET 10 (D,F,S) (Mrs V Kraft Payson) D Loder 8-8	K Darley	94
405	(4)	02-125	RUNNING STAG 33 (D,G) (D Crowson) P Mitchell 8-8	K Fallon	97
406	(3)	213-00	SHII-TAKE 17 (F) (C Batt) R Akehurst 8-8	A Clark	98

BETTING: 6-4 Grapeshot, 2-1 Indiscreet, 11-2 Conon Falls, 8-1 Shii-Take, 12-1 Further Outlook, Running Stag

1996: DON MICHELETTO 8-8 M J Kinane (5-1) S Bin Suroor 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

GRAPESHOT ¾l 2nd of 8 to Desert Story in the group III Craven Stakes at Newmarket (1m, good to firm) with RUNNING STAG (3lb better off) about 2l 5th and SHII-TAKE (3lb better off) 1¼l 7th. CONON FALLS beat Solo Mio 1¼l in maiden at Chester (1m 2f 75yd, soft).
FURTHER OUTLOOK about 17½l 5th of 6 to Voyagers Quest in the Group III Classic Trial at Sandown (1m 2f, good to soft)
INDISCREET beat Yavlensky head in 3-runner race at Beverley (1m 2f, soft)
SHII-TAKE 9½l 7th of 16 to Entrepreneur in 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket (1m, good)
Selection: GRAPESHOT

4.10 ANNE FRANCES STEVENS MEMORIAL HANDICAP
BBC2
(£7,375: 1m) (11 runners)

501	(6)	1250-6	LAW COMMISSION 9 (F) (R Tooth) D Elsworth 7-10-0	T Quinn	90
502	(5)	234116	STAR TALENT 15 (C,D,F,G,S) (R Michaelson) I Balding 6-9-7	R Cochrane	94
503	(7)	2100-3	GOLD SPATS 15 (F) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 4-9-7	J Reid	96
504	(4)	140-	VOLLEY 175 (F) (R Villers) D Chappell 4-9-6	D Harrison	90
505	(1)	40100-	CONSPICUOUS 227 (C,F,G) (Mrs J Hopkins) L Cottrell 7-9-5	K Darley	91
506	(11)	230-24	ARTERXERXES 20 (F) (P Lowe & Partners) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-3	A Clark	94
507	(8)	060-51	CAPILANO PRINCESS 11 (D,F,G,S) (H Coffey) D Haydn Jones 4-9-1	S Drowne	91
508	(9)	1242-3	KING OF TUNES 20 (D,G,S) (Mr E Sheehan) J Sheehan 5-8-12	D Holland	●
509	(2)	5610-3	ALPINE HIDEAWAY 14 (F) (Miss M Breslin) B Hanbury 4-8-11	L Dettori	97
510	(3)	/2380-	ORSAY 234 (D,G) (D Deer) W Muir 5-8-11	K Fallon	91
511	(10)	53-316	SHARP SHUFFLE 27 (D,F,G) (Mrs H Prendergast) R Hannon 4-8-8	Dane O'Neill	98

BETTING: 7-2 Gold Spats, 11-2 King Of Tunes, 6-1 Arterxerxes, Capilano Princess, Star Talent 8-1 Alpine Hideaway, 10-1 Orsay, Sharp Shuffle, 12-1 Conspicuous, 20-1 Law Commission, Volley

1996: HUGWITY 4-8-7 W Ryan (7-2 fav) B Hanbury 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

LAW COMMISSION 4¼l 5th of 12 to Highborn in handicap at Newmarket (7f, good to firm) Oct 96. GOLD SPATS about ¾l 3rd of 16 to Autumn Cover in the Jubilee handicap at Kempton (1m, good) with STAR TALENT (2lb better off) about 1¾l 6th. CONSPICUOUS beat Mad For Baileys 3l in 7-runner handicap here (1m 1f, good) Aug 96. ARTERXERXES 6½l 4th of 25 to Tregaron in the Victoria Cup at Ascot (7f good to firm). CAPILANO PRINCESS beat Cyrian 3l in 6-runner limited stakes at Nottingham (1m 2l, good). KING OF TUNES about 1½l 3rd of 28 to Broughtons Turmoil in 28-runner handicap at Ascot (1m, good to firm). SHARP SHUFFLE beat Stellar Line neck in 5-runner limited stakes at Brighton (1m, firm).
Selection: KING OF TUNES (nap)

4.45 EQUITY FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS CONDITIONS STAKES
(£4,753: 6f) (5 runners)

601	(5)	10410-	JAYANNPEE 234 (C,D,F,G) (Exors of J Paniccia) I Balding 6-10-0	L Dettori	92
602	(3)	122-11	MONAASSIB 35 (D,F,G) (M al-Maktoum) E Dunlop 6-10-0	D O'Donohoe (3)	●
603	(1)	5010-5	CROWDED AVENUE 21 (C,F,G) (T Wellard) P Malon 5-9-2	S Sanders	98
604	(2)	1020-5	EVERGLADES 15 (D,F,G) (Mrs S Lesser) R Charlton 9-9-2	J Reid	93
605	(4)	0302-0	TOP BANANA 17 (D,F,G) (H Candy) H Candy 6-9-2	Nicola Wright (7)	90

BETTING: 10-11 Monaassib, 4-1 Crowded Avenue, 6-1 Jayannpee, 7-1 Top Banana, 10-1 Everglades

1996: LOCH PATRICK 6-9-6 J Reid (11-4 fav) M Madgwick 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

JAYANNPEE about ¾l 3rd (promoted to 1st) of 12 to Humbert's Landing in listed race at Taby (6f, good) Sep 96. MONAASSIB beat Easy Dollar ½l in 8-runner listed race at Newmarket (6f, good). CROWDED AVENUE beat Dashing Blue ¾l in 13-runner handicap at Sandown (5f, good) with TOP BANANA 2l 3rd. Aug 96. EVERGLADES neck 2nd of 7 to Green Perfume in conditions stakes at Newbury (7f 64yd, good to firm) July 96. TOP BANANA 3l 2nd of 8 to Astrac in conditions stakes at Nottingham (6f, good to soft) Oct 96
Selection: CROWDED AVENUE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
E Dunlop	4	15	26.7	L Dettori	29	158	18.4
M Stoute	21	80	26.3	T Quinn	42	255	16.5
P Cole	24	110	21.8	Dane O'Neill	12	77	15.6
H Cecil	15	74	20.3	J Reid	29	214	13.6
B Hanbury	6	33	18.2	R Cochrane	17	129	13.2

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Beverley: 2.25 Adrenalin, Toll's Times, Valslastchance. 4.25 Party Romance

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Bath

Going: good to soft

2.15 (1m 5yd) 1, SPACE RACE (L Dettori, 13-2); 2, Twin Time (S Drowne, 16-1); 3, Mr Paradise (D Holland, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Abajany (5th), 6 Arriving (6th), 10 Keen Dancer (4th), Khamsin, 11 Elegant Dance, 14 Tartan Party, Warring, 20 Seamus, 33 Another Victim, 50 Hever Golf Charmer, 66 Blue Calvine, Blue Island, Certain Surprise, Joyful Joy. 17 ran. 1¾l, 1¾l, sh hd, nk, ¾l. C Cyzer at Horsham. Tote: £7.90; £2.20, £4.20, £2.60. DF: £76.00. Trio: £81.20. CSF: £96.65

2.45 (1m 5yd) 1, VANBOROUGH LAD (R Ffrench, 14-1); 2, Noeprob (Amanda Sanders, 14-1); 3, Castel Rosselo (R Price, 14-1); 4, Gold Lance (S Sanders, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 4-1 fav Ca'd'oro, 7 Shouldbegrey (5th), 8 Charlton Imp, 12 Ethbaat, 14 Eric's Bett, Master Millfield, Utmost Zeal, 16 Country Thatch, Delight Of Dawn, Paddy's Rice, Proud Brigadier (6th), 25 Absolute Utopia, Great Chief. 17 ran. NR: Richard House Lad. Nk, 1l, 3l, nk, 2l. M Bolton at Shrewton. Tote: £10.30; £1.70, £5.20, £3.10, £3.50. DF: £176.10. Trio: £1,121.10. CSF: £194.76. Tricast: £2,650.27.

3.15 (5f 11yd) 1, DIM OTS (T Sprake, 2-1 fav); 2, Caversfield (Dane O'Neill, 4-1); 3, The Rich Man (M Hills, 5-2). ALSO RAN: 8 Means Business (4th), 12 Carver John (5th), 20 Hugger-Mugger (6th). 6 ran. NR: Ballet Rambert, First Dance. 5l, hd, 5l, 3l, 2l. B Palling at Cowbridge. Tote: £2.80; £1.40, £2.50. DF: £6.30. CSF: £8.13.

3.45 (5f 11yd) 1, CAUDA EQUINA (P P Murphy, 11-4); 2, Mutasawwar (R Hills, 6-4 fav); 3, Silver Purse (S Drowne, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 Divide And Rule (4th). 4 ran. 2½l, hd, 1½l. M Channon at Upper Lambourn. Tote £3.00. DF: £3.00. CSF: £6.55.

4.15 (1m 2f 46yd) 1, SOLO MIO (Pat Eddery, 1-8 fav, Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Fantastic Flame (M Roberts, 20-1); 3, Legendary Lover (T Sprake, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 14 Big Target (4th), 33 Bright Fountain (6th), Mystic Strand, Tramline (5th), 50 Woody's Boy, 100 Canadian Jive, Light Reflections, Nigels Choice, Sassy Street. 12 ran. 5l, 5l, 1¾l, 2l, 5l. B Hills at Lambourn. Tote: £1.10; £1.10, £1.80, £3.10. DF: £5.10. Trio: £13.70. CSF: £5.74.

4.45 (1m 2f 46yd) 1, RIVER PILOT (T Sprake, 12-1); 2, Chief Monarch (Pat Eddery, 7-4); 3, Natural Eight (M Hills, 11-10 fav). ALSO RAN: 10 Whirlawhile (4th), 16 Moon Colony (6th), Royal Castle (5th), 33 Sadler's Blaze, Stahr, 50 Gore Hill, Happy Medium. 10 ran. NR: Bonanza Peak. ¾l, 7l, 2l, 1l, 2l. R Charlton at Beckhampton. Tote: £7.80; £1.80, £1.20, £1.20. DF: £10.60. Trio: £6.50. CSF: £31.52.

5.15 (1m 5f 22yd) 1, STAR PRECISION (S Drowne, 15-8 fav, Richard Evans's nap); 2, Rasayel (K Fallon, 3-1); 3, Night Mirage (L Dettori, 5-2). ALSO RAN: 10 Mighty Phantom (6th), 14 Daily Sport Girl (4th), 20 Classic Parisian (5th), 50 Miss Pravda. 7 ran. NR: Premier Night. 6l, 2l, 3l, 1l, 1¾l. G Balding at Fyfield. Tote: £3.40; £1.40, £2.20. DF: £4.90. CSF: £6.60. Tricast: £11.22.

5.45 (5f 161yd) 1, NIGHT HARMONY (K Fallon, 10-1); 2, Runs In The Family (D Harrison, 4-1 fav); 3, Flying Harold (P P Murphy, 8-1); 4, Will To Win (S Drowne, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Tinker Osmaston, 7 John O'Dreams, 10 Don Pepe, Rockcracker (6th), 11 Tymeera, 16 Deerly (5th), 20 Ivory's Grab Hire, 25 Itsinthepost, Perchance To Dream, 33 Dancing Mystery, 40 Amie, 66 Amnesty Bay, Positive Result, The Noble Oak. 18 ran. NR: Boffy. ¾l, ½l, sh hd, hd, 1l. Miss S Wilton at Stoke-on-Trent. Tote: £10.90; £2.50, £1.20, £1.80, £2.60. DF: £28.50. Trio: £67.20. CSF: £45.49. Tricast: £333.11.

Jackpot: £25,381.30.

Placepot: £92.80. Quadpot: £5.10.

Southwell

Going: standard

2.30 (5f) 1, ALWAYS LUCKY (P Fessey, 100-30); 2, Flickan (Martin Dwyer, 6-1); 3, Captain Brady (R Havlin, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Monopoly (5th), 11-2 Liberte Bell, 16 Jan's In The Know, Lawful Contract, 20 Gifted Balm (4th), 33 Angle Minor (6th), Averham Star, Risknowt Getnowt. 11 ran. NR: Shamwari Song. 1¾l, 5l, sh hd, ¾l, 2½l. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £3.50; £1.20, £1.50, £2.30. DF: £16.60. Trio: £33.30. CSF: £22.23.

3.00 (1m 3f) 1, ROYAL LEGEND (M Wigham, 5-1); 2, Zatopek (V Slattery, 8-1); 3, Evezio Rufo (P Roberts, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Shuttlecock (5th), 5 Carrolls Marc (6th), 7 Dormy Three, Pc's Cruiser (4th), 12 El Bardador, 20 Dino's Mistral, Gunner B Special. 10 ran. 3½l, 2½l, 2l, 2l, 7l. J Pearce at Newmarket. Tote: £7.10; £2.30, £3.50, £1.50. DF: £51.80. Trio: £60.30. CSF: £42.58

3.30 (1m 6f) 1, KALAMATA (N Day, 7-4); 2, Etterby Park (J Weaver, 11-8 fav); 3, Cuban Nights (T Williams, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 12 Forzair (6th), 14 High Summer (5th), 50 Mapengo (4th). 6 ran. 19l, 3l, ½l, 9l, 10l. J Glover at Worksop. Tote: £3.30; £1.10, £1.60. DF: £1.90. CSF: £3.93.

4.00 (6f) 1, SWEET MATE (S Webster, 5-2 fav); 2, Silk Cottage (O Pears, 12-1); 3, Kid Ory (G Duffield, 10-1); 4, Born A Lady (M Deering, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Delrob (6th), 7 Stephensons Rocket, 11 Hoh Majestic (5th), 12 Nervous Rex, 14 Guy's Gamble, Lochon, Zain Dancer, 16 Lady Silk, Prudent Princess, 33 Bent Raiwand, Fleeting Footsteps, Margaretrose Anna. 16 ran. 2l, hd, sh hd, ¾l, 1¾l. S Bowring at Mansfield. Tote £5.50; £2.40, £3.50, £1.90, £2.90. DF: £41.00. Trio: £116.00. CSF: £35.39. Tricast: £219.81

4.30 (5f) 1, ELLENBROOK (P Fessey, 4-5 fav); 2, Medina Miss (P Doe, 9-4); 3, Karenaragon (N Connorton, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Wideyedbushytailed (6th), 10 General Joey (5th), 12 Ivory's Joy (4th). 6 ran. 7l, 6l, 7l, 10l, 4l. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £1.40; £1.00, £2.10. DF: £1.80. CSF: £3.20. Bought in 4,600gns

5.00 (1m) 1, JOHNNIE THE JOKER (C Teague, 5-1); 2, Monte Cavo (D Mernagh, 9-1); 3, Benfico (G Faulkner, 14-1); 4, Kass Alhawa (P Fessey, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 4-1 fav David James' Girl, 9 Mercury (5th), 10 Chadleigh Lane, 12 Dragonjoy (6th), Saratoga Red, 14 Awesome Venture, Bernard Seven, Hever Golf Charger, Quinzii Martin, 16 Scenicris, 33 Jilly Beveled, Oriel Lad. 16 ran. ½l, sh hd, 7l, nk, 2½l. J Leigh at Gainsborough. Tote: £9.10; £2.90, £1.60, £3.20, £3.70. DF: £27.40. Trio: £276.20 (part won, pool of £202.36 carried forward to 4.10 at Goodwood today). CSF: £50.62. Tricast: £586.96

Placepot: £39.20. Quadpot: £11.00.

Windsor

Going: good to soft

8.15 (1m 67yd) 1, Finsbury Flyer (R Ffrench, 7-1); 2, Caudillo (12-1); 3, Philistar (4-1). Cape Pigeon 7-2 fav. 17 ran. NR: Sea Spouse. ½l, 1¾l. R Hodges. Tote: £9.70; £2.40, £3.20, £2.40. DF: £32.90. Trio: £46.10. CSF: £80.89.

Musselburgh

Going: good to soft

6.30 (5f) 1, Sandside (G Carter, 10-11 fav); 2, Onel Girl (6-1); 3, Crafty Pat (9-1). 5 ran. ½l, 3l. J Berry. Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £3.00. DF: £4.30. CSF: £5.89.

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BEVERLEY

THUNDERER

2.25 Miss Beveled. 2.55 Lindrick Lady. 3.25 Royal Ceilidh. 3.55 Step N Go. 4.25 Shawm. 5.00 Ya Malak.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.25 SHAWM.

GOING: GOOD — DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST — SIS

2.25 TIGER INN SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,530: 5f) (9 runners)

1	(5)	35	ADRENALIN 14 (V,BF) Mrs J Ramsden 8-11	W Ryan	96
2	(7)	0	COLLACAR 34 D Shaw 8-11	C Teague (3)	—
3	(8)	000	TOLL'S TIMES 8 (B) M W Easterby 8-11	T Lucas	—
4	(6)	0	VALSLASTCHANCE 60 (B) N Tinkler 8-11	Kim Tinkler	—
5	(1)	00	HAMERRA 14 M Meade 8-6	F Norton	—
6	(2)	422	HOPEFULLY 27 (BF) M Channon 8-6	Paul Eddery	●
7	(9)	03	MISS BEVELED 14 M Brittain 8-6	G Duffield	98
8	(4)	5	ROYAL DREAM 12 J Berry 8-6	P Fessey (5)	—
9	(3)		STEP IN TO THE SUN R Fahey 8-6	J Carroll	—

2-1 Hopefully, 3-1 Miss Beveled, 9-2 Adrenalin, 5-1 Royal Dream, 10-1 Step In To The Sun, 12-1 Valslastchance, 20-1 Toll's Times, 25-1 others

2.55 ROSE & CROWN HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,040: 1m 3f 216yd) (14)

1	(8)	40-2	LADY OF THE LAKE 29 J Dunlop 9-7	Paul Eddery	93
2	(5)	60-0	PERTEMPS MISSION 35 J Pearce 9-4	M Wigham	87
3	(10)	21	LINDRICK LADY 9 (C,S) B Rothwell 9-2	M Fenton	95
4	(6)	6210	AS-IS 12 (D,F,G) M Johnston 9-1	J Weaver	91
5	(13)	00-0	PROPELLANT 43 C Thornton 8-11	D McKeown	80
6	(4)	0432	SKELTON SOVEREIGN 10 (BF,F) R Hollinshead 8-9	F Lynch (3)	95
7	(11)	0-62	LAGUNA BAY 16 A Jarvis 8-9	W J O'Connor	92
8	(9)	-040	WILDMOOR 11 J Bethell 8-6	T Williams	●
9	(1)	000-	LADY SALOME 255 J Fitzgerald 8-3	J Carroll	86
10	(7)	-050	DULAS BAY 8 M W Easterby 8-2	T Lucas	89
11	(14)	0-60	DAWN SUMMIT 12 B Hanbury 8-0	Dale Gibson	96
12	(12)	3050	MAREMMA 11 E Incisa 7-11	Kim Tinkler	94
13	(3)	604	ALAGNA 40 S C Williams 7-10	M Henry (3)	93
14	(2)	-431	SAM PEEB 12 (D,G) R Fahey 7-10	D Wright	97

4-1 Lady Of The Lake, 9-2 Laguna Bay, 11-2 Lindrick Lady, 6-1 Sam Peeb, 13-2 As-Is, 8-1 Skelton Sovereign, 10-1 Dawn Summit, Alagna, 14-1 others

3.25 DAVID SWANNELL MEMORIAL RATED HANDICAP
(£4,497: 1m 100yd) (9)

1	(3)	3640	BARDON HILL BOY 14 (F,G) B Hanbury 5-9-8	J Stack	89
2	(2)	-503	KALA SUNRISE 10 (D,F,G) C Smith 4-9-7	G Duffield	97
3	(11)	3004	PATER NOSTER 15 (D,G,S) J A Harris 8-9-5	Paul Eddery	87
4	(9)	1131	HIGH PREMIUM 10 (CD,F,G,S) R Fahey 9-9-5	R Winston (7)	95
5	(8)	2000	DEFINED FEATURE 18 (F) J Scargill 4-9-1	M Fenton	98
6	(6)	00-4	ROYAL CEILIDH 17 (D,F,G) D Smith 4-8-11	J Carroll	93
7	(4)	0330	SMARTER CHARTER 10 (CD,F) Mrs L Stubbs 4-8-8	A Culhane	98
8	(7)	-502	GOLDEN THUNDERBOLT 18 N Tinkler 4-8-8	J Weaver	97
9	(5)	1011	JACK THE LAD 8 (D,F,G,S) J Hetherton 3-7-10 (4ex)	R Ffrench (5)	●

7-2 High Premium, 4-1 Golden Thunderbolt, Jack The Lad, 5-1 Smarter Charter, 7-1 Kala Sunrise, 8-1 Royal Ceilidh, 12-1 Pater Noster, 16-1 others

3.55 H & P FREIGHTWAYS FILLIES HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,548: 1m 1f 207yd) (8)

1	(8)	41-0	WHAT HAPPENED WAS 14 (C,F) M Meade 9-7	F Norton	90
2	(4)	5-31	CAN CAN LADY 15 (F,G) M Johnston 9-6	J Weaver	97
3	(1)	34-2	SADDLERS' HOPE 15 J Fanshawe 9-1	T Sprake	84
4	(3)	3-00	EPONINE 8 M Channon 8-9	J F Egan	86
5	(7)	00-5	FANTASY GIRL 21 J Dunlop 8-7	Paul Eddery	89
6	(2)	4-21	STEP N GO 14 (D,G) Mrs J Ramsden 8-6	W Ryan	92
7	(5)	4-54	FAUNA 11 N Graham 8-4	D McKeown	●
8	(6)	0-00	NATIVE PRINCESS 50 B Hills 7-11	R Mullen (5)	95

3-1 Step N Go, 4-1 Can Can Lady, Saddlers' Hope, Fantasy Girl, 11-2 Fauna, 12-1 What Happened Was, 14-1 Native Princess, 25-1 Eponine

4.25 WINDMILL INN MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,561: 7f 100yd) (8)

1	(7)	4450	GET THE POINT 14 R Hollinshead 9-0	F Lynch (3)	84
2	(3)	4-00	PARTY ROMANCE 14 (B) B Hanbury 9-0	W Ryan	94
3	(6)	4	ROUND ROBIN 15 C Thornton 9-0	D McKeown	88
4	(4)	3-2	SHAWM 42 (BF) D Loder 9-0	D R McCabe	●
5	(1)	0-4	VAN CHINO 17 B McMahon 9-0	G Duffield	72
6	(5)		BROADWAY MELODY A Jarvis 8-9	W J O'Connor	—
7	(2)	0-	RAAHA 227 R Armstrong 8-9	G Carter	78
8	(9)	4	WOODBECK 21 J Glover 8-9	N Day	87

11-8 Shawm, 7-2 Party Romance, 13-2 Round Robin, Raaha, 7-1 Woodbeck, 12-1 Van Chino, 25-1 Get The Point, 33-1 Broadway Melody

5.00 ANGEL CONDITIONS STAKES (£4,546: 5f) (5)

1	(5)	0-00	TAOISTE 24 (D,F,G) R Armstrong 4-9-8	R Price	77
2	(2)	05-0	TADEO 12 (D,BF,F,G,S) M Johnston 4-9-6	J Weaver	96
3	(1)	5510	DAAWE 15 (D,F,G,S) Mrs V Aconley 6-9-0	M Deering	79
4	(3)	-460	WESTCOURT MAGIC 7 (CD,F,G) M W Easterby 4-9-0	J Carroll	●
5	(4)	06-5	YA MALAK 45 (CD,F,G,S) D Nicholls 6-9-0	Alex Greaves	95

2-1 Tadeo, 9-4 Ya Malak, 9-2 Taoiste, Westcourt Magic, 8-1 Daawe

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Loder, 22 winners from 35 runners, 62.9%. R Armstrong, 3 from 6, 50.0%. M Johnston, 22 from 119, 18.5%. J Dunlop, 9 from 49, 18.4%. J Pearce, 4 from 22, 18.2%. J Berry, 20 from 111, 18.0%.

JOCKEYS: R Price, 3 winners from 9 rides, 33.3%. M Fenton, 11 from 55, 20.0%. W Ryan, 13 from 67, 19.4%. D R McCabe, 6 from 39, 15.4%. F Norton, 4 from 27, 14.8%. J Weaver, 19 from 133, 14.3%.

Point-to-point details

SUNDAY: BICESTER WITH WHADDON CHASE (Mollington): Hunt 1, Sprucefield (A Barlow, 2-1); 2, Fill The Boot; 3, Icky's Five. 6 ran. Confined: 1, Admiral Rous (C Wadland, 6-1); 2, Run For Free; 3, Berkana Run. 11 ran. PPORA: 1, Trewecthen (M Rimell, Evens fav); 2, Rayman; 3, Winter Breeze. 8 ran. Men's Open: 1, Bright As A Button (G Tarry, 10-11); 2, Hill Island; 3, Radical Views. 7 ran. Ladies: 1, Grimley Gale (Miss S Vickery, 10-11 fav); 2, Stephens Pet; 3, Making Time. 6 ran. Intermediate: 1, Villains Brief (R Lawther, 2-1 fav); 2, Mr Gee; 3, Gromil. 8 ran. Open Mdn: 1, Quite A Miss (A Martin, 6-1); 2, Dilkush; 3, Bobbin Lace. 14 ran

WHEATLAND (Wolverhampton): Confined: 1, Royle Burchlin (D Barlow, 4-1); 2, Mr Pipe Man; 3, Nutcase. 8 ran. Men's Open: 1, Orton House (R Burton, 2-1); 2, Rhine River; 3, Merlyns Choice. 5 ran. Ladies: 1, Touch 'N' Pass (Miss P Jones, 1-2 fav); 2, Aegean Fanfare; 3, Commodity Broker. 5 ran. Open Mdn: 1, Rugrat (T O'Leary, 4-1); 2, Malenski; 3, Dancing Supreme. 15 ran. Rest: 1, Volcanic Roc (E Williams, 7-4 fav); 2, Rakish Queen; 3, Solar Castle. 6 ran. Hunt: 1, Over-The Door (G Hanmer, 1-2 fav), finished alone. 2 ran

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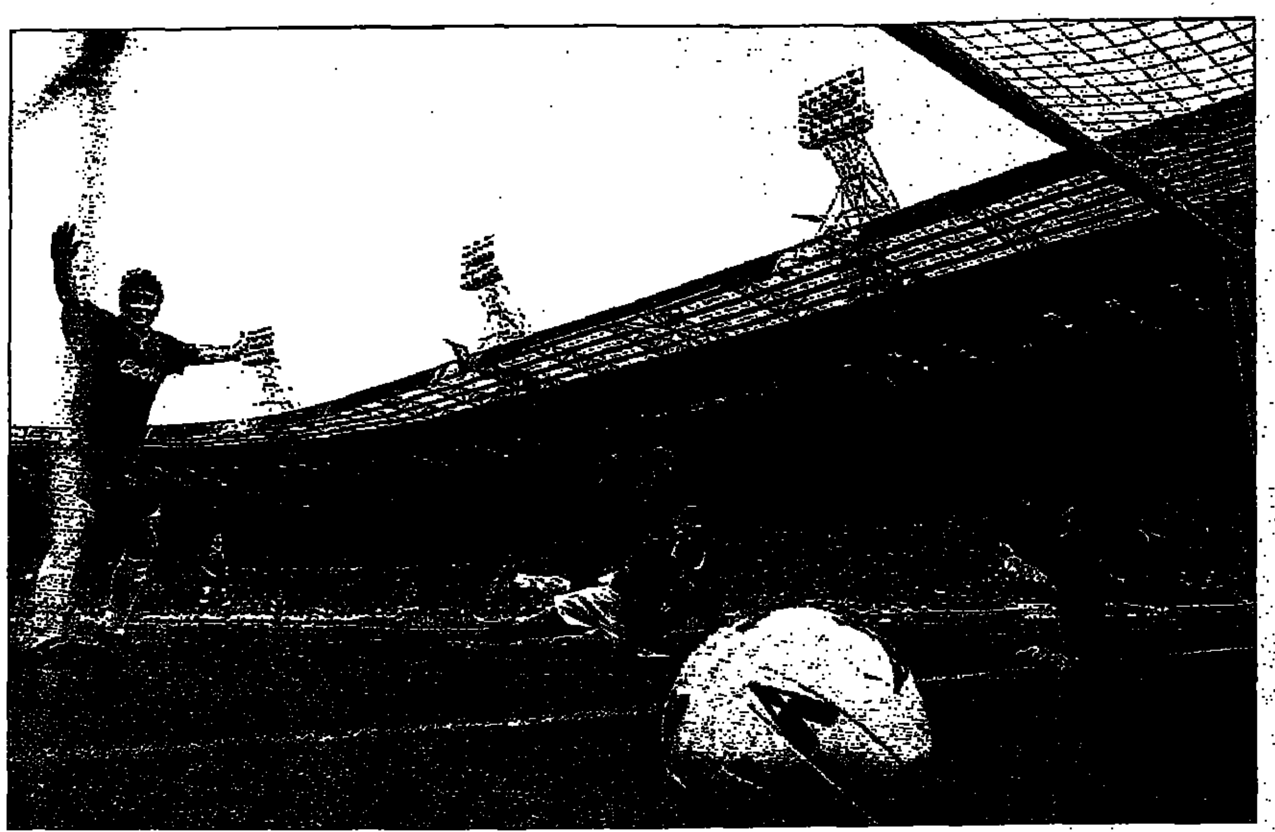

Eddie Newton celebrates scoring for Chelsea, against Middlesbrough, in the FA Cup final but who will be winning in ITF?

GOALKEEPERS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
10101	M Watt	Aberdeen	1.50	0	-12
10102	N Walker	Aberdeen	1.00	0	-14
10201	D Seaman	Arsenal	5.00	0	+36
10202	V Bartram	Arsenal	0.75	0	0
10203	J Lukic	Arsenal	0.75	0	+1
10301	M Bosnich	Aston Villa	3.50	0	+31
10302	M Oakes	Aston Villa	1.00	0	+17
10401	T Flowers	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	0	-7
10402	S Given	Blackburn Rovers	2.00	0	+4
10501	G Marshall	Celtic	3.50	0	+8
10502	S Kerr	Celtic	3.00	0	+30
10601	D Kharine	Chelsea	2.50	0	+10
10602	K Hitchcock	Chelsea	2.00	0	-28
10603	F Grodas	Chelsea	3.00	+5	-4
10701	S Ogrizovic	Coventry City	1.50	0	-42
10702	J Filan	Coventry City	0.50	0	0
10801	M Taylor	Derby County	1.00	0	-2
10802	R Hoult	Derby County	1.00	0	-41
10804	M Poom	Derby County	1.00	0	-8
10901	A Maxwell	Dundee United	0.50	0	+4
10902	L Key	Dundee United	0.50	0	-10
10903	S Dykstra	Dundee United	2.50	0	-2
11001	I Westwater	Dunfermline	0.50	0	-59
11101	N Southall	Everton	2.50	0	-36
11103	P Gerrard	Everton	2.50	0	+1
11201	G Rousset	Hearts	2.00	0	-5
11301	J Leighton	Hibernian	1.50	0	-30
11401	D Lekovic	Kilmarnock	1.00	0	-32
11501	M Beeney	Leeds United	1.50	0	+5
11502	P Evans	Leeds United	0.25	0	0
11503	N Martyn	Leeds United	2.50	0	+40
11601	K Poole	Leicester City	1.00	0	-19
11603	K Keller	Leicester City	1.00	0	-20
11701	D James	Liverpool	5.00	0	+10
11702	T Warner	Liverpool	0.50	0	0
11703	J Nielsen	Liverpool	1.00	0	0
11801	P Schmeichel	Manchester United	5.00	0	+8
11802	R van der Gouw	Manchester United	1.00	0	+2
11901	G Walsh	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	-20
11903	B Roberts	Middlesbrough	1.50	-3	-8
11904	M Schwarzer	Middlesbrough	2.00	0	-3
12001	S Howie	Motherwell	1.50	0	-20
12101	S Hislop	Newcastle United	4.00	0	-18
12102	P Srnicek	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+20
12201	M Crossley	Nottingham Forest	2.50	0	-49
12202	A Fettis	Nottingham Forest	0.75	0	-8
12301	S Thomson	Raith Rovers	0.50	0	-78
12401	A Goram	Rangers	5.00	0	+29
12402	A Dibble	Rangers	3.50	0	+7
12501	K Pressman	Sheffield Wednesday	2.00	0	-15
12502	M Clarke	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0	-3
12601	D Beasant	Southampton	1.00	0	-28
12602	N Moss	Southampton	0.25	0	+2
12604	M Taylor	Southampton	1.00	0	+7
12702	L Perez	Sunderland	0.50	0	-38
11803	T Coton	Sunderland	1.00	0	+9
12801	I Walker	Tottenham Hotspur	3.50	0	-11
12802	E Baardsen	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	-2
12901	L Miklosko	West Ham United	2.00	0	-20
13001	N Sullivan	Wimbledon	1.00	0	+2
13002	P Heald	Wimbledon	1.00	0	-4

FULL BACKS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
20101	S McKimmie	Aberdeen	2.00	0	+8
20201	L Dixon	Arsenal	3.00	0	+38
20202	N Winterburn	Arsenal	3.00	0	+49
20301	S Staunton	Aston Villa	3.00	0	+43
20302	A Wright	Aston Villa	3.00	0	+67
20303	G Charles	Aston Villa	2.50	0	0
20305	F Nelson	Aston Villa	3.00	0	+50
20401	H Berg	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	0	+32
20402	G Le Saux	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	0	+30
20403	J Kenna	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	0	+19
20404	G Croft	Blackburn Rovers	1.50	0	+2
20501	J McNamara	Celtic	3.00	0	+38
20502	T McKinlay	Celtic	3.00	0	+31
20601	D Petrescu	Chelsea	3.00	+4	+34
20602	S Clarke	Chelsea	2.00	+4	+10
20604	S Minto	Chelsea	1.00	+4	+3
20701	D Burrows	Coventry City	1.50	0	-12
20703	B Borrows	Coventry City	1.00	0	-10
20704	M Hall	Coventry City	1.00	0	+6
20801	C Powell	Derby County	1.50	0	+8
20802	D Yates	Derby County	1.00	0	+4
20901	M Malpas	Dundee United	1.00	0	+55
20902	M Perry	Dundee United	0.50	0	+43
20903	N Duffy	Dundee United	0.50	0	+9
21001	C Miller	Dunfermline	0.25	0	-5
21002	A Tod	Dunfermline	0.25	0	-9
21101	M Hottiger	Everton	2.50	0	-7
21102	A Hinchcliffe	Everton	2.00	0	+14
20603	T Phelan	Everton	2.00	0	-3
21103	E Barrett	Everton	1.50	0	+15
21201	G Locke	Hearts	2.00	0	+25
21202	N Pointon	Hearts	1.00	0	+24
21301	W Miller	Hibernian	1.00	0	+7
21302	A Dow	Hibernian	1.00	0	+12
21402	G MacPherson	Kilmarnock	0.50	0	+1
21501	G Kelly	Leeds United	3.00	0	+51
21502	A Dorigo	Leeds United	2.50	0	+20
21504	G Halle	Leeds United	1.00	0	+40
21601	M Whitlow	Leicester City	0.50	0	+6
21602	S Grayson	Leicester City	0.50	0	+10
21604	F Rolling	Leicester City	0.25	0	-1
21701	R Jones	Liverpool	3.00	0	-1
21702	S Harkness	Liverpool	1.50	0	-3
21703	S I Bjornebye	Liverpool	0.50	0	+45
21801	D Irwin	Manchester United	4.00	0	+39
21802	G Neville	Manchester United	3.00	0	+34
21803	P Neville	Manchester United	3.00	0	+7
21901	N Cox	Middlesbrough	2.50	0	-11
21903	C Morris	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	-1
21904	C Fleming	Middlesbrough	0.75	-1	+8
21905	C Blackmore	Middlesbrough	0.25	-1	+14
21906	V Kinder	Middlesbrough	1.50	-1	0
22002	S McMillan	Motherwell	0.50	0	+9
22101	W Barton	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+20
22102	S Watson	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+36
22103	R Elliott	Newcastle United	2.50	0	+38
22104	J Beresford	Newcastle United	2.50	0	+22
22201	S Pearce	Nottingham Forest	4.00	0	+10
22202	D Lyttle	Nottingham Forest	2.00	0	+5
22203	A I Haaland	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0	+20
22204	N Jerkan	Nottingham Forest	2.00	0	-4
22301	P Bonar	Raith Rovers	0.75	0	-16
22302	D Kirkwood	Raith Rovers	0.50	0	-14
22401	D Robertson	Rangers	2.50	0	+48
22402	J Brown	Rangers	2.00	0	0
22501	I Nolan	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	+22
22502	P Atherton	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	+25
22503	S Nicol	Sheffield Wednesday	1.00	0	+7
22504	D Stefanovic	Sheffield Wednesday	1.00	0	+6
22505	L Briscoe	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0	+3
22601	J Dodd	Southampton	1.50	0	-4
22602	F Benali	Southampton	0.75	0	+6
22603	S Charlton	Southampton	0.75	0	+4
22701	D Kubicki	Sunderland	0.50	0	+5
22702	M Scott	Sunderland	0.50	0	+4
22703	G Hall	Sunderland	0.25	0	+7
22704	J Eriksson	Sunderland	1.50	0	-1
22801	D Austin	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	0	+7
22802	C Wilson	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	0	+12
22803	J Edinburgh	Tottenham Hotspur	1.00	0	+13
22804	D Kerslake	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	0
22805	S Carr	Tottenham Hotspur	1.00	0	-4
22901	J Dicks	West Ham United	4.00	0	+23
22902	T Breacker	West Ham United	1.00	0	+3
22903	K Rowland	West Ham United	1.00	0	-4
22904	M Bowen	West Ham United	1.00	0	+2
23001	B Thatcher	Wimbledon	1.50	0	+9
23002	A Kimble	Wimbledon	0.75	0	+17
23003	K Cunningham	Wimbledon	0.75	0	+30
23004	D Jupp	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
23006	C Perry	Wimbledon	0.25	0	+43

CENTRAL DEFENDERS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
30101	B Irvine	Aberdeen	2.00	0	-6
30102	C Woodthorpe	Aberdeen	1.50	0	+2
30103	A Kombouare	Aberdeen	2.50	0	+4
30201	A Adams	Arsenal	4.00	0	+39
30202	S Bould	Arsenal	3.00	0	+41
30203	M Keown	Arsenal	3.00	0	+50
30205	S Marshall	Arsenal	1.00	0	+14
30301	G Southgate	Aston Villa	3.50	0	+44
30302	U Ehiogu	Aston Villa	3.00	0	+75
30305	R Scimeca	Aston Villa	1.00	0	+32
30401	C Hendry	Blackburn Rovers	4.00	0	+32
30402	I Pearce	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+3
30403	C Coleman	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	-3
30404	N Marker	Blackburn Rovers	0.50	0	+6
30501	T Boyd	Celtic	3.00	0	+40
30502	M MacKay	Celtic	1.50	0	+44
30503	A Stubbs	Celtic	3.50	0	+22
30504	B O'Neil	Celtic	3.00	0	0
30505	E Annoni	Celtic	3.00	0	+4
30601	M Duberry	Chelsea	2.50	0	+1
30602	F Leboeuf	Chelsea	2.50	+3	+36
30603	F Sinclair	Chelsea	2.00	+4	+4
30604	D Lee	Chelsea	2.00	0	+3
30605	A Myers	Chelsea	1.50	0	+5
30606	E Johnsen	Chelsea	1.50	0	+16
30701	L Daish	Coventry City	2.00	0	+5
30702	R Shaw	Coventry City	1.50	0	+2
30704	G Breen	Coventry City	1.50	0	-2
30705	A Evtushok	Coventry City	1.50	0	+1
30801	I Stimac	Derby County	2.50	0	-10
30802	D Wassall	Derby County	1.00	0	0
30303	P McGrath	Derby County	2.50	0	-4
30803	J Laursen	Derby County	1.00	0	+10
30804	M Carbon	Derby County	0.50	0	-5
30901	S Pressley	Dundee United	1.00	0	+52
31001	M Millar	Dunfermline	0.75	0	-6
31002	I Den Bieman	Dunfermline	0.75	0	-19
31101	D Unsworth	Everton	2.50	0	+12
31102	D Watson	Everton	2.50	0	+11
31103	C Short	Everton	2.00	0	+6
31201	D McPherson	Hearts	1.00	0	+30
31202	P Ritchie	Hearts	1.00	0	+34
31301	J McLaughlin	Hibernian	0.50	0	+4
30902	B Welsh	Hibernian	0.75	0	+9
31302	G Hunter	Hibernian	0.50	0	-3
32302	S Dennis	Hibernian	1.00	0	-19
31401	M Reilly	Kilmarnock	1.00	0	+17
31402	R Montgomerie	Kilmarnock	0.75	0	+12
31501	D Wetherall	Leeds United	2.50	0	+42
31502	R Jobson	Leeds United	1.00	0	+2
31503	L Radebe	Leeds United	1.00	0	+29
31504	J Pemberton	Leeds United	0.50	0	0
31505	R Molenaar	Leeds United	2.00	0	+23
31601	S Walsh	Leicester City	1.00	0	+17
31602	J Watts	Leicester City	1.00	0	+8
31603	P Kamaark	Leicester City	0.50	0	+7
31604	S Prior	Leicester City	1.00	0	0
31605	M Elliott	Leicester City	1.50	0	+10
31701	P Babb	Liverpool	3.50	0	+24
31703	M Wright	Liverpool	3.50	0	+29
31704	N Ruddock	Liverpool	3.00	0	+12
31705	D Matteo	Liverpool	1.00	0	+26
31706	B T Kvarme	Liverpool	2.00	0	+3
31801	G Pallister	Manchester United	3.50	0	+11
31802	D May	Manchester United	3.00	0	+39
31803	R Johnsen	Manchester United	2.50	0	+25
31901	N Pearson	Middlesbrough	1.50	-1	+6
31902	S Vickers	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	-6
31903	D Whyte	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	-10
31904	P Whelan	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	-4
31905	G Festa	Middlesbrough	1.50	-2	+6
32001	B Martin	Motherwell	1.50	0	-1
32002	M van der Gaag	Motherwell	0.75	0	+24
32101	P Albert	Newcastle United	4.50	0	+26
32102	S Howey	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+7
32103	D Peacock	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+32
32201	C Cooper	Nottingham Forest	3.00	0	+1
32202	S Chettle	Nottingham Forest	2.50	0	+9
32203	S Blatherwick	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0	-5
32303	D Craig	Raith Rovers	0.50	0	-13
32304	G Mitchell	Raith Rovers	0.50	0	-11
32401	R Gough	Rangers	3.50	0	+56
32402	A McLaren	Rangers	3.00	0	+24
32403	J Bjorklund	Rangers	3.50	0	+40
32404	G Petric	Rangers	2.50	0	+18
32501	J Newsome	Sheffield Wednesday	2.00	0	+15
32502	D Walker	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	+25
32503	B Linighan	Sheffield Wednesday	0.25	0	0
32601	K Monkou	Southampton	1.50	0	-18
32602	A Neilson	Southampton	1.00	0	+7
32603	R Dryden	Southampton	0.50	0	+2
32604	C Lundekvam	Southampton	0.50	0	+3
32605	U van Gobbel	Southampton	1.50	0	-9
32701	A Melville	Sunderland	1.00	0	+12
32702	K Ball	Sunderland	1.00	0	+14
32703	R Ord	Sunderland	0.50	0	+18
32801	S Campbell	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	0	+22
31702	J Scales	Tottenham Hotspur	3.50	0	+7
32802	C Calderwood	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	0	+17
32803	G Mabbutt	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	0	0
32806	S Nethercott	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	-6
32807	R Vega	Tottenham Hotspur	3.00	0	+4
32901	S Bilic	West Ham United	2.50	0	+17
32902	M Rieper	West Ham United	2.50	0	+10
32903	S Potts	West Ham United	2.00	0	+6
32904	R Hall	West Ham United	1.50	0	+7
32905	R Ferdinand	West Ham United	0.50	0	+10
33001	A Reeves	Wimbledon	1.00	0	-2
33003	A Pearce	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
33004	D Blackwell	Wimbledon	0.50	0	+16
33005	B McAllister	Wimbledon	0.50	0	+16
33006	S Fitzgerald	Wimbledon	0.25	0	0

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40101	D Windass	Aberdeen	3.00	0	+43
40102	S Glass	Aberdeen	3.00	0	+24
40103	P Bernard	Aberdeen	2.50	0	+10
40104	I Kiriakov	Aberdeen	2.50	0	+28
40105	T Tzvetanov	Aberdeen	0.50	0	+27
40201	D Platt	Arsenal	4.50	0	+45
40202	P Merson	Arsenal	4.00	0	+57
40203	R Parlour	Arsenal	2.00	0	+26
40204	G Helder	Arsenal	1.50	0	0
40205	I Selley	Arsenal	0.50	0	0
40208	P Vieira	Arsenal	3.00	0	+41
40209	R Garde	Arsenal	2.00	0	+7
40210	S Hughes	Arsenal	2.00	0	+15
40301	M Draper	Aston Villa	4.00	0	+34
40302	A Townsend	Aston Villa	2.50	0	+51
40303	I Taylor	Aston Villa	2.50	0	+44
40304	G Farrelly	Aston Villa	1.00	0	+1
40306	S Curcic	Aston Villa	3.50	0	+24
40401	J Wilcox	Blackburn Rovers	4.00	0	+40
40402	L Bohinen	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	0	+29
40403	G Flitcroft	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+35
40404	B McKinlay	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+24
40405	T Sherwood	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+47
40406	P Warhurst	Blackburn Rovers	1.50	0	+9
40407	G Donis	Blackburn Rovers	1.50	0	+16
40408	S Ripley	Blackburn Rovers	1.00	0	+5
40409	M Holmes	Blackburn Rovers	0.75	0	0
40501	P McStay	Celtic	3.00	0	+22
40502	A Thom	Celtic	2.50	0	+32
40503	S Donnelly	Celtic	2.50	0	+39
40504	P Grant	Celtic	1.50	0	+29
40505	P Di Canio	Celtic	3.00	0	+60
40506	D Hannah	Celtic	1.50	0	+19
40507	P O'Donnell	Celtic	2.50	0	+11
40601	R Gullit	Chelsea	3.50	0	+9
40602	D Wise	Chelsea	3.00	+2	+47
40604	C Burley	Chelsea	2.00	0	+39
40605	E Newton	Chelsea	2.00	+3	+24
40607	D Rocastle	Chelsea	0.50	0	0
40608	R Di Matteo	Chelsea	3.00	+3	+63
40609	J Morris	Chelsea	2.00	0	+3
40610	P Hughes	Chelsea	2.00	0	+8
40701	J Salako	Coventry City	2.50	0	+32
41501	G McAllister	Coventry City	5.50	0	+62
40702	E Jess	Coventry City	2.00	0	+33
40703	K Richardson	Coventry City	1.50	0	+35
40704	P Telfer	Coventry City	1.50	0	+36
40705	P Williams	Coventry City	1.50	0	+36
40706	M Isaias	Coventry City	0.50	0	0
40707	W Boland	Coventry City	0.25	0	0
40708	M O'Neill	Coventry City	1.50	0	+1
40801	A Asanovic	Derby County	2.00	0	+53
40802	P Simpson	Derby County	1.50	0	+5
40803	R van der Laan	Derby County	1.50	0	+32
40804	D Powell	Derby County	1.00	0	+28
40805	S Flynn	Derby County	0.75	0	+12
40807	G Rowett	Derby County	0.50	0	+42
40809	C Dailly	Derby County	1.50	0	+39
40901	G McSwegan	Dundee United	2.00	0	+33
40902	R Winters	Dundee United	1.50	0	+67
40903	G Johnson	Dundee United	1.00	0	0
42003	J Dolan	Dundee United	1.00	0	+32
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40904	D Bowman	Dundee United	0.75	0	+26
40905	A Benneker	Dundee United	0.50	0	+2
41001	H French	Dunfermline	1.00	0	+48
41002	C Robertson	Dunfermline	1.00	0	+35
41003	A Smith	Dunfermline	0.75	0	+54
41004	D Fleming	Dunfermline	0.50	0	+30
41102	G Speed	Everton	4.00	0	+66
41104	J Parkinson	Everton	1.50	0	+31
41106	T Grant	Everton	0.50	0	+11
41108	C Thomsen	Everton	2.00	0	+15
41202	A McManus	Hearts	1.50	0	+7
41203	S Fulton	Hearts	1.00	0	+34
41302	P McGinlay	Hibernian	1.50	0	+43
41303	G Love	Hibernian	0.75	0	+9
41305	I Cameron	Hibernian	0.75	0	+10
41401	A Mitchell	Kilmarnock	1.00	0	+26
41402	J McIntyre	Kilmarnock	1.00	0	+47
41403	M Skilling	Kilmarnock	0.75	0	0
41404	J Lauchlan	Kilmarnock	0.50	0	+11
41502	L Bowyer	Leeds United	3.00	0	+58
41503	A Gray	Leeds United	2.50	0	+1
41504	C Palmer	Leeds United	2.00	0	+32
41505	R Wallace	Leeds United	1.50	0	+34
41805	L Sharpe	Leeds United	3.50	0	+47
41506	I Harte	Leeds United	1.00	0	+19
41507	M Ford	Leeds United	0.50	0	+19
41508	A Couzens	Leeds United	0.50	0	+8
41510	M Jackson	Leeds United	1.00	0	+10
41601	N Lennon	Leicester City	2.00	0	+37
41602	G Parker	Leicester City	2.00	0	+37
41603	S Taylor	Leicester City	2.00	0	+21
41604	J Lawrence	Leicester City	0.25	0	+4
40606	M Izzet	Leicester City	1.00	0	+43
41701	S McManaman	Liverpool	7.00	0	+59
41702	J McAteer	Liverpool	4.00	0	+48
41703	J Redknapp	Liverpool	4.00	0	+32
41704	J Barnes	Liverpool	3.00	0	+56
41705	M Thomas	Liverpool	2.50	0	+39
41706	M Kennedy	Liverpool	1.00	0	0
41707	P Berger	Liverpool	3.00	0	+31
41801	R Giggs	Manchester United	7.00	0	+43
41802	R Keane	Manchester United	4.50	0	+23
41803	D Beckham	Manchester United	4.00	0	+62
41804	N Butt	Manchester United	3.50	0	+37
41806	B McClair	Manchester United	1.50	0	+11
41807	T Cooke	Manchester United	1.00	0	0
41808	B Thornley	Manchester United	1.00	0	+1
41809	S Davies	Manchester United	0.50	0	0
41810	J Cruyff	Manchester United	2.50	0	+19
41811	K Poborsky	Manchester United	4.00	0	+30
41901	Emerson	Middlesbrough	3.50	+1	+44
41902	Juninho	Middlesbrough	3.50	+1	+71
41903	C Hignett	Middlesbrough	2.00	+1	+37
41905	A Moore	Middlesbrough	1.00	0	+6
41906	R Mustoe	Middlesbrough	1.00	0	+39
41908	C Liddle	Middlesbrough	0.50	0	+6
41909	B Robson	Middlesbrough	0.50	0	+1
41910	P Stamp	Middlesbrough	0.50	+1	+27
42001	C McCart	Motherwell	2.00	0	+16
42002	J Philliben	Motherwell	1.00	0	+14
42004	J Hendry	Motherwell	0.75	0	+4
42005	S Valikarri	Motherwell	3.00	0	+11
42101	D Ginola	Newcastle United	5.50	0	+24
42102	R Lee	Newcastle United	5.50	0	+47
42103	K Gillespie	Newcastle United	4.50	0	+28
42104	D Batty	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+32
42105	L Clark	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+24
42107	D Hamilton	Newcastle United	1.50	0	0
42201	I Woan	Nottingham Forest	4.50	0	+37
42202	S Stone	Nottingham Forest	4.00	0	+2
42203	S Gemmill	Nottingham Forest	2.50	0	+18
42204	C Bart-Williams	Nottingham Forest	2.00	0	+22
42205	D Phillips	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0	+32
42301	T Rougier	Raith Rovers	2.00	0	+33
42302	D Lennon	Raith Rovers	1.00	0	+47
41304	A Millen	Raith Rovers	0.50	0	+26
42304	S Thomson	Raith Rovers	0.50	0	+26
42401	P Gascoigne	Rangers	7.00	0	+61
42402	B Laudrup	Rangers	5.00	0	+75
42403	S McCall	Rangers	2.00	0	+9
42404	T Steven	Rangers	1.50	0	+8
42405	J Albertz	Rangers	4.00	0	+61
42501	R Blinker	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	+18
42502	M Pembridge	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	+52
42504	G Hyde	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	+29
42506	M Williams	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0	0
42507	R Jones	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0	0
42508	S Oakes	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	+11
42509	W Collins	Sheffield Wednesday	0.75	0	+13
42510	O Trustfull	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	+17
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42512	D Billington	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0	0
42601	J Magilton	Southampton	2.50	0	+46
42604	B Venison	Southampton	1.00	0	0
42606	D Hughes	Southampton	0.50	0	+1
42906	R Slater	Southampton	1.00	0	+25
42607	M Oakley	Southampton	0.50	0	+32
42609	M Robinson	Southampton	0.25	0	+6
42611	E Berkovic	Southampton	1.00	0	+33
42701	M Gray	Sunderland	2.50	0	+46
42702	S Agnew	Sunderland	1.50	0	+16
42703	A Rae	Sunderland	1.50	0	+14
42704	P Bracewell	Sunderland	0.75	0	+47
42705	M Smith	Sunderland	1.00	0	+9
42706	C Waddle	Sunderland	1.50	0	+10
42801	D Anderton	Tottenham Hotspur	5.50	0	+20
42802	R Fox	Tottenham Hotspur	4.00	0	+28
42803	D Howells	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	0	+39
42804	J Dozzell	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	0	+17
42805	A Sinton	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	0	+46
42806	R Rosenthal	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	0	+10
42809	A Nielsen	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	0	+44
42902	I Bishop	West Ham United	2.00	0	+34
42903	M Hughes	West Ham United	2.00	0	+39
42904	D Williamson	West Ham United	1.50	0	+17
42905	J Moncur	West Ham United	1.50	0	+27
42907	S Lazaridis	West Ham United	0.25	0	+19
42908	S Lomas	West Ham United	2.00	0	+10
43001	R Earle	Wimbledon	4.00	0	+68
43002	O Leonhardsen	Wimbledon	2.50	0	+63
43003	M Gayle	Wimbledon	2.00	0	+69
43004	V Jones	Wimbledon	1.50	0	+38
43005	N Ardley	Wimbledon	0.50	0	+55
43006	S Castledine	Wimbledon	0.50	0	+6
43007	P Fear	Wimbledon	0.25	0	+11

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50101	S Booth	Aberdeen	4.50	0	+12
50102	D Shearer	Aberdeen	3.00	0	+7
50103	B Dodds	Aberdeen	5.00	0	+41
50201	I Wright	Arsenal	7.00	0	+71
50202	D Bergkamp	Arsenal	7.00	0	+47
50205	C Kiwomya	Arsenal	0.50	0	0
50206	N Anelka	Arsenal	3.00	0	+1
50301	D Yorke	Aston Villa	7.50	0	+79
50302	S Milosevic	Aston Villa	5.00	0	+46
50304	J Joachim	Aston Villa	2.00	0	+11
50402	K Gallacher	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	0	+56
50404	C Sutton	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+42
50405	G Fenton	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+5
50406	N Gudmundsson	Blackburn Rovers	1.00	0	0
50407	P Pedersen	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+9
50502	J Cadete	Celtic	6.00	0	+92
50303	T Johnson	Celtic	4.00	0	+24
50601	G Vialli	Chelsea	5.00	0	+44
50602	M Hughes	Chelsea	4.00	+1	+58
50605	M Stein	Chelsea	0.50	0	0
50606	G Zola	Chelsea	5.00	+1	+52
50701	N Whelan	Coventry City	6.00	0	+41
50702	D Dublin	Coventry City	5.00	0	+46
50703	P Ndlovu	Coventry City	3.00	0	+11
52105	D Huckerby	Coventry City	0.50	0	+37
50801	D Sturridge	Derby County	3.00	0	+50
50802	M Gabbiadini	Derby County	2.00	0	+7
50803	A Ward	Derby County	2.00	0	+42
50804	R Willems	Derby County	1.00	0	+19
50903	K Olafsson	Dundee United	3.00	0	+21
51001	A Moore	Dunfermline	2.00	0	+14
51002	S Petrie	Dunfermline	2.00	0	+26
51101	D Ferguson	Everton	6.00	0	+47
51901	N Barmby	Everton	4.00	0	+47
51102	G Stuart	Everton	3.00	0	+38
51105	M Branch	Everton	1.50	0	+18
51201	J Robertson	Hearts	3.50	0	+56
51202	C Cameron	Hearts	3.50	0	+54
51203	D Beckford	Hearts	0.50	0	+4
51301	K Wright	Hibernian	3.00	0	+23
51302	D Jackson	Hibernian	3.00	0	+53
51401	P Wright	Kilmarnock	3.00	0	+64
51501	A Yeboah	Leeds United	7.00	0	+4
51502	I Rush	Leeds United	3.50	0	+36
51504	B Deane	Leeds United	2.00	0	+41
51506	P Laurent	Leeds United	2.00	0	+2
51507	D Lilley	Leeds United	0.75	0	+4
51601	S Claridge	Leicester City	2.50	0	+58
51602	E Heskey	Leicester City	2.00	0	+48
51603	M Robins	Leicester City	0.75	0	+8
51604	I Marshall	Leicester City	0.75	0	+48
51605	S Guppy	Leicester City	2.00	0	+9
51701	R Fowler	Liverpool	9.00	0	+68
51702	S Collymore	Liverpool	8.00	0	+52
51801	E Cantona	Manchester United	8.50	0	+52
51802	P Scholes	Manchester United	5.00	0	+21
51803	A Cole	Manchester United	4.50	0	+24
51804	O G Solskjaer	Manchester United	3.00	0	+61
51905	F Ravanelli	Middlesbrough	5.00	0	+84
51906	M Beck	Middlesbrough	2.50	+1	+42
52001	T Coyne	Motherwell	2.00	0	+54
50902	O Coyle	Motherwell	2.00	0	+38
52002	D Arnott	Motherwell	1.50	0	+18
50401	A Shearer	Newcastle United	10.0	0	+87
52101	L Ferdinand	Newcastle United	8.50	0	+61
52102	F Asprilla	Newcastle United	6.50	0	+24
52103	P Beardsley	Newcastle United	5.00	0	+32
50501	P van Hooijdonk	Nottingham Forest	7.00	0	+49
52201	D Saunders	Nottingham Forest	3.50	0	+45
52202	B Roy	Nottingham Forest	3.00	0	+15
52203	P McGregor	Nottingham Forest	1.50	0	0
52204	K Campbell	Nottingham Forest	1.50	0	+34
52205	J Lee	Nottingham Forest	1.50	0	+7
52206	S Howe	Nottingham Forest	0.50	0	0
52207	A Silenzi	Nottingham Forest	0.50	0	+1
52208	I Moore	Nottingham Forest	2.00	0	+1
52301	P Duffield	Raith Rovers	2.00	0	+35
52401	G Durie	Rangers	6.00	0	+21
52402	E Andersen	Rangers	5.00	0	+35
52403	A McCoist	Rangers	5.00	0	+41
52404	P van Vossen	Rangers	6.00	0	+1
52405	S Rozental	Rangers	4.00	0	+3
52501	D Hirst	Sheffield Wednesday	3.00	0	+26
52502	A Booth	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	+59
52504	G Whittingham	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	+39
52505	O Donaldson	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0	+6
52506	R Humphreys	Sheffield Wednesday	2.00	0	+22
52601	M Le Tissier	Southampton	7.00	0	+45
52605	E Ostenstad	Southampton	2.00	0	+55
52606	M Evans	Southampton	0.75	0	+16
52701	P Stewart	Sunderland	1.00	0	+19
52702	C Russell	Sunderland	1.00	0	+20
52703	D Kelly	Sunderland	1.00	0	+20
52704	L Howey	Sunderland	0.50	0	+8
52705	M Bridges	Sunderland	0.50	0	+16
52708	N Quinn	Sunderland	3.00	0	+10
52709	A Johnston	Sunderland	2.00	0	+6
52801	T Sheringham	Tottenham Hotspur	8.00	0	+36
52802	C Armstrong	Tottenham Hotspur	7.00	0	+19
52803	R Allen	Tottenham Hotspur	0.75	0	+5
52804	S Iversen	Tottenham Hotspur	3.50	0	+32
50203	J Hartson	West Ham United	3.50	0	+29
52903	I Dowie	West Ham United	2.00	0	+17
52104	P Kitson	West Ham United	1.50	0	+34
53001	D Holdsworth	Wimbledon	3.00	0	+27
53002	E Ekoku	Wimbledon	3.00	0	+52
53003	J Goodman	Wimbledon	1.50	0	+8
53004	J Euell	Wimbledon	0.75	0	+9
53005	A Clarke	Wimbledon	0.75	0	+7
53006	M Harford	Wimbledon	0.50	0	+6

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60101	R Aitken	Aberdeen	2.50	0	+31
60202	A Wenger	Arsenal	3.50	0	+47
60301	B Little	Aston Villa	3.50	0	+53
60402	T Parkes	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	0	+25
60501	T Burns	Celtic	4.00	0	+77
60601	R Gullit	Chelsea	2.50	+3	+67
60702	G Strachan	Coventry City	1.00	0	+24
60801	J Smith	Derby County	0.75	0	+40
62302	T McLean	Dundee United	0.75	0	+62
61001	B Paton	Dunfermline	0.50	0	+32
61102	D Watson	Everton	2.00	0	-2
61201	J Jefferies	Hearts	2.00	0	+43
61302	J Duffy	Hibernian	1.00	0	+14
61402	B Williamson	Kilmarnock	0.75	0	+19
61502	G Graham	Leeds United	2.00	0	+33
61601	M O'Neill	Leicester City	0.50	0	+38
61701	R Evans	Liverpool	4.50	0	+62
61801	A Ferguson	Manchester United	5.00	0	+73
61901	B Robson	Middlesbrough	2.00	-1	+41
62001	A McLeish	Motherwell	1.50	0	+27
62102	K Dalglish	Newcastle United	4.50	0	+26
62202	S Pearce	Nottingham Forest	2.00	0	+4
62401	W Smith	Rangers	5.00	0	+76
62501	D Pleat	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	+56
62601	G Souness	Southampton	0.50	0	+23
62701	P Reid	Sunderland	0.50	0	+22
62801	G Francis	Tottenham Hotspur	3.00	0	+27
62901	H Redknapp	West Ham United	2.00	0	+26
63001	J Kinnear	Wimbledon	1.00	0	+57

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Kilmarnock last stop on the trail of £50,000 ITF game

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Grodas holds aloft the FA Cup on Saturday. His clean sheet for Chelsea was also a winner for Revelation 19

AS THE domestic seasons stagger to their conclusion, two more prizes with be decided, barring a replay, on Saturday: the Tennents Scottish Cup final and the Interactive Team Football game.

The cup final, at Ibrox, is between Kilmarnock and Falkirk, but, as Falkirk are in the first division of the Bell's Scottish League, their players are ineligible for ITF, so our managers who are looking to make late transfers will only be interested in those from Kilmarnock.

The race for the £50,000 prize for the overall winner of ITF could not be closer, with Turners Earners 5 and Sophie And Sam leading the table with 822 points each, followed by Edmo Utd with 805.

While those managers will be looking north of the border for help, Mr K. Charlton, of Faversham, Kent, can thank four English-based Europeans for winning him the weekly prize. The FA Cup Final may, to the neutrals, have resembled a game of spot the Englishmen, but the perfomances of Frode Grodas, of Norway, and Dan Petrescu, of Romania, for Chelsea, and Juninho, of Brazil, and Mikkel Beck, of Denmark, for Middlesbrough, earned Revalation 19 £250.

Mr Charlton's team is:

Goalkeeper
F Grodas (Chelsea)

Full backs
D Petrescu (Chelsea)
D Robertson (Rangers)

Central defenders
R Montgomerie (Kilmarnock)
M Reilly (Kilmarnock)

Midfield players
P di Canio (Celtic)
N Ardley (Wimbledon)
M Pembridge (Sheff Wed)
Juninho (Middlesbrough)

Strikers
D Jackson (Hibernian)
M Beck (Middlesbrough)

Manager
A Wenger (Arsenal)

You can still use the ITF transfer system, even though the regular transfer system has ended for the season, which allows you to change up to two players each week and to adjust your team if one of your players is actually transferred out of the FA Carling Premiership or Bell's Scottish League premier division.

You can make transfers only by telephone. Using a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone), call the **0891 866 968** line during the times given. From outside the United Kingdom, you must call **0044 990 200 668.**

When making a transfer, you must ensure that the team does not contain more than two individuals (two players or one player and a manager) from the same club.

If you are lagging behind the leading team selectors, the transfer system will be an appealing option to you in the chase for the prizes — the overall £50,000, monthly £1,000 or weekly £250.

☐ ***All Interactive Team Football transfer queries should be directed to 0171-757 7016. All other inquiries can be made on 01582 488 122.***

THIS WEEK'S TRANSFERS

There are no transfers or loaned players in Interactive Team Football this week

Last chance for transfers

There is still time to make a last-minute transfer to your Interactive football team. The Tennents Scottish cup final marks the end of the ITF competition. The points scored in this match will decide your final position in the 1996-97 ITF league. *The Times* Interactive will be inviting some of the top entrants to Football Football, the London soccer-themed restaurant, to celebrate the end of the season. Among them will be the overall winner who will receive £50,000, the second prizewinner who gets £10,000 and third-place winner who receives £2,500.

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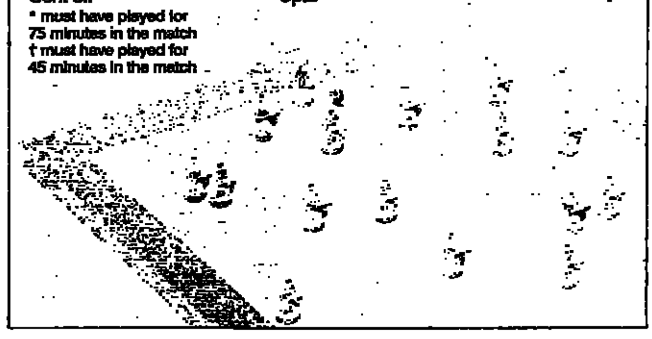
HOW THE SCORING SYSTEM WORKS IN ITF

All 1996-7 matches in the FA Carling Premiership, FA Cup, Bell's Scottish League premier division and Tennents Scottish Cup from August 17 count for points. Penalty shootouts do not count but results decided in this way will count for managers.

POINTS SCORED			
Goalkeeper		Striker	
Keeps clean sheet*	4pts	Scores goal	2pts
Scores goal	3pts	All players	
Saves penalty	1pt	Appearance†	1pt
Full back/Central defender		Scores hat-trick	6pts
Keeps clean sheet*	3pts	Manager	
Scores goal	3pts	Team wins	3pts
Midfield player		Team draws	1pt
Keeps clean sheet*	1pt		
Scores goal	2pts		
POINTS DEDUCTED			
Goalkeeper		Booked	1pt
Concedes goal	2pts	Concedes penalty	1pt
Full back/Central defender		Misses penalty	1pt
Concedes goal	1pt	Scores own goal	1pt
All players		Manager	
Sent off	3pts	Team loses	1pt

* must have played for 75 minutes in the match
† must have played for 45 minutes in the match



HOW TO MAKE A TRANSFER IN ITF

Call 0891 866 968

If telephoning from outside the United Kingdom call 44 990 200 668.

You may make transfers only by telephone using a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone). You will need your ten-digit selectors PIN, which you will have to tap in, not speak. Follow the simple instructions and tap in the five-digit codes of the players you are transferring.

You may only make transfers in one team per telephone call. If you have entered two teams and want to make transfers in both, you must make two separate calls.

You may transfer two (but no more than two) individuals (two players or one player and a manager) during a transfer week. A player being transferred out must be replaced by one from the same category and you must keep to the team format of a goalkeeper, two full backs, two central defenders, four midfield players, two strikers and a manager. You must not exceed the £35 million budget and have no more than two individuals from the same club. Incorrect transfers will be rejected and your team will remain in its previous form.

The transfer week runs from 00.01 on Tuesday to midnight the following Monday. Transfers made before noon each day will become effective immediately. Transfers made after noon will become effective for matches played after noon on the following day.

Your new player only starts to score points for you when his transfer is registered. The current score of the player transferred out remains part of your team score but he then ceases to score for you.

If a player or manager moves teams during the season, it may affect the composition of your team. You must adjust your team by using the transfer system to avoid missing out on points.

Calls will be charged at 50p per minute. Calls made from public telephones may cost approximately twice as much.

Player code
Player out.................... □□□□□
Club ....
Player in .... □□□□□
Club ....

THE LEADING 250 ENTRIES IN THE TIMES INTERACTIVE TEAM FOOTBALL GAME

FIND OUT HOW YOUR TEAM IS DOING

Calls cost 50p per minute.

Call the ITF checkline on
0891 884 643
Outside UK: 44 990 100 343

Check your points total and your ranking. You need a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone) and your ten-digit selector's PIN. Calls made from public telephones may cost approximately twice as much.

Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pts
1=	Turners Earners 5	(P Turner)	822
1=	Sophie And Sam	(G Foster)	822
3	Edmo Utd	(D Edmondson)	805
4	Jones Boys Three	(M Jones)	800
5	Turnerj Earners 3	(P Turner)	795
6	John Hunt Taunton H	(J Hunt)	792
7	Nobby 32	(J Brown)	791
8	Brain's Team	(B Howes)	788
9	Deggers	(V Cox)	785
10	Nobby	(J Brown)	781
11	John Hunt Taunton D	(J Hunt)	778
12=	Teddy Three	(B Bear)	771
12=	Nobby 4	(J Brown)	771
14	John Hunt Taunton G	(J Hunt)	770
15	Nobby 11	(J Brown)	769
16	Dour Rangers 3	(I Clayton)	768
17	Pin Ups Two	(P Tusler)	765
18=	12 Angry Men	(Daryl Cook)	764
18=	A	(Martin Corless)	764
20	Bobs Boys 2	(R Calder)	761
21	Icarus	(Mrs B Wells)	760
22	Nonchalont A F C 3	(RJ Ward)	759
23=	Nobby 22	(J Brown)	751
23=	Ab 4	(A Boyland)	751
25=	Blythe Spartans	(T Blythe)	750
25=	Nobby 29	(J Brown)	750
27=	Beeston Celtic	(Barry Mcgivern)	748
27=	Abc	(M Baber)	748
29	Waternish FC	(Margaret Kirkwood)	747
30=	Jabberwocky	(PA Amoss)	739
30=	1970 Jr FC	(J Ross)	739
32	Partick Bilbao 3	(J Hamilton)	736
33=	Bcfc 1998	(Jan Bithell)	734
33=	Turners Earners 1	(P Turner)	734
35	Misfits	(R Lockyer)	732
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101=	Nobby J	(J Brown)	691
103=	Joking	(P Fallen)	690
103=	Garforth Seahawks	(I Doughty)	690
105=	Bacardi Boys	(M Woodley)	689
105=	Ball Watchers	(J Murray)	689
105=	Neil Madrid	(N Ratcliffe)	689
109=	No Midfield	(JB Portwood)	688
108=	Ebbeys 1st X I	(S Baldrick)	688
110=	Inter The Pub	(M Ward)	687
110=	Alice	(I Pigeon)	687
110=	Fendon United	(E Cowen)	687
110=	Northern Lights	(C Wright)	687
110=	The Winners Vw	(Vikram Wadhwa)	687
115=	Team C	(A Lone)	686
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140=	Grafton Willows	(R J Brown)	678
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140=	Kinky Imports	(Scott Fraser)	678
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144=	Vat3	(K Howson)	677
147=	Bung Hol	(Graham Watson)	676
148=	Daniels Seishans	(V Cox)	675
148=	Def Con 3	(M Peck)	675
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150=	St Bartholomews	(J M Bartholomew)	674
150=	N S T Monkstone	(J Staszkiewicz)	674
150=	Infinity George	(M Robson)	674
150=	Nobby 12	(J Brown)	674
155=	Grimmers Army	(S Gray)	673
155=	Schoko Zoo	(Paul Roach)	673
155=	I Hate Alan Hansen	(V Cox)	673
155=	S Gill Taunton A	(S Gill)	673
155=	Animals	(L Clark)	673
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160=	Jacks Nightmare	(N J Lane)	672
160=	Wassack	(M Hugill)	672
160=	Tungston Town	(JW George)	672
160=	Billy No Mates X I	(M Bremner)	672
160=	Langton Longballs	(Mark Ward)	672
167=	J S August Monthly 1	(J Swirles)	671
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167=	Hannah's Heroes	(Colin Bennett)	671
167=	Lloydy's Barge	(David Goodwin)	671
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185=	Nobby 14	(J Brown)	667
189=	Sucharita	(Richard Keenan)	666
190=	Lager Space Fc	(David Mayall)	665
190=	Dutch Courage	(Ruud Van Ruitenbeek)	665
190=	Lesleys Legmen	(L Michaelis)	665
193=	Signus Alpha	(M Griffiths)	664
193=	Its About Revenge C	(R Gohil)	664
193=	Caroline C	(S A Luckhurst)	664
193=	Rufus' Rednecks	(N Allan)	664
193=	Holstenites	(D Blair)	664
193=	Armchair United	(S Milton)	664
193=	Nomates	(C Wilson)	664
193=	Fergies Cryers	(B Fazakerley)	664
201=	Steves Aces	(S Brook)	663
201=	Buggie Navvies	(Dave Banks)	663
203=	We Have No Bananas	(C Hall)	662
203=	Gangsters	(A Lone)	662
203=	Dicksaes Tigers	(T Rawlings)	662
203=	Rubella	(T Wylie)	662
203=	No Help From Dad FC	(A Du Gay)	662
203=	Buggsy's Boys	(Miss L Emery)	662
203=	More Cash Chief	(Daniel Higgins)	662
203=	Skyline Sizzlers	(T Gordon)	662
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211=	Slappy Chappies	(P Johnson)	661
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215=	Inter The Bin	(M Ward)	660
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220=	Kicking Arsenal	(R Broe)	659
220=	Sooty's Puppets I I	(EG Ryan)	659
220=	Red Star Belgravia	(Richard Keenan)	659
220=	Millys Mops	(P Johnson)	659
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226=	Boyz 2	(D Patel)	658
228=	Oscar's All Stars	(Miss A White)	657
228=	4 4 2	(K Browne)	657
228=	Solid Saints	(P Ridout)	657
228=	Goaldiggers	(D Curzon)	657
228=	Twelve Just Men	(W Evans)	657
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233=	Sad & Grim Team	(J Swain)	656
233=	Dwyer's Tipsters	(J Dwyer)	656
233=	Supersubs	(I Taylor)	656
238=	Sun Can Be Talking	(R Laskowski)	655
238=	Daves First X I	(D Quibell)	655
238=	Papadopoulos Utd	(A Papadopoulos)	655
238=	Zacks United	(E Zacks)	655
238=	Tobys Terrors 7	(P Wheatley)	655
238=	Ziggurat	(T Groome)	655
244=	Jones Boys One	(ML Jones)	654
244=	Wolf Tones Utd	(T Prior)	654
244=	Nadar	(Meviazski)	654
244=	Foxy	(M Fox)	654
248=	Tour De Force	(C Cuffaz)	653
248=	Alancia F C	(A Stillano)	653
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SAILING

Frenchman leaves rest of the world behind

BY EDWARD GORMAN, SAILING CORRESPONDENT.

ONE of the toughest records in sailing was comprehensively *beaten yesterday* when Olivier de Kersuason, of France, set a new time for the fastest non-stop circumnavigation of the globe to capture the Jules Verne Trophy.

De Kersuason's huge trimaran, *Sport-Elec*, crossed the *finishing line between Ushant* and the Lizard Point, off Cornwall, just before 8am yesterday, stopping the clock on the 25,000-mile voyage at 71 days 14hr 18min 8sec.

The new time cuts more than 80 hours off the previous record, set by a crew of eight, led by Sir Peter Blake and Sir Robin Knox-Johnston, on the catamaran, *ENZA New Zealand*, in 1994. While it had been expected for weeks that de Kersuason might beat Knox-Johnston's time, few predicted he would take such *a large chunk out of it.*

De Kersuason, whose boat was shepherded across the line by dozens of spectator craft, said it had been a tough voyage. "*You couldn't say that* we had the record handed to us on a plate," he said. "We took intelligent risks when it was required and, when the going got tough, we didn't hold back."

Among the thousands of well-wishers and supporters who gathered on the quayside at Brest to welcome the crew in was Blake himself, who paid tribute to the 52-year-old French skipper. "*I wouldn't* have missed this for anything. I owed it to myself to be here." he said. "Olivier deserved this trophy because he has shown *so much perseverance.* He hasn't just beaten this record by a few minutes or hours, but by three days — that's tremendous. It'll be hard for anyone of this generation to beat this record, though I believe it can be done in 60 days," he said.

For the man from Brittany, who underwent a triple heart bypass operation two years ago, the quest for the Jules *Verne prize* has been an obsession that has lasted the best part of four years, embracing *six separate* attempts. On his first, in January 1993, he hit a lump of ice off Cape Town and retired. The next year, he sailed all the way, *trailing ENZA* but finishing three days behind the triumphant British and New Zealand crew.

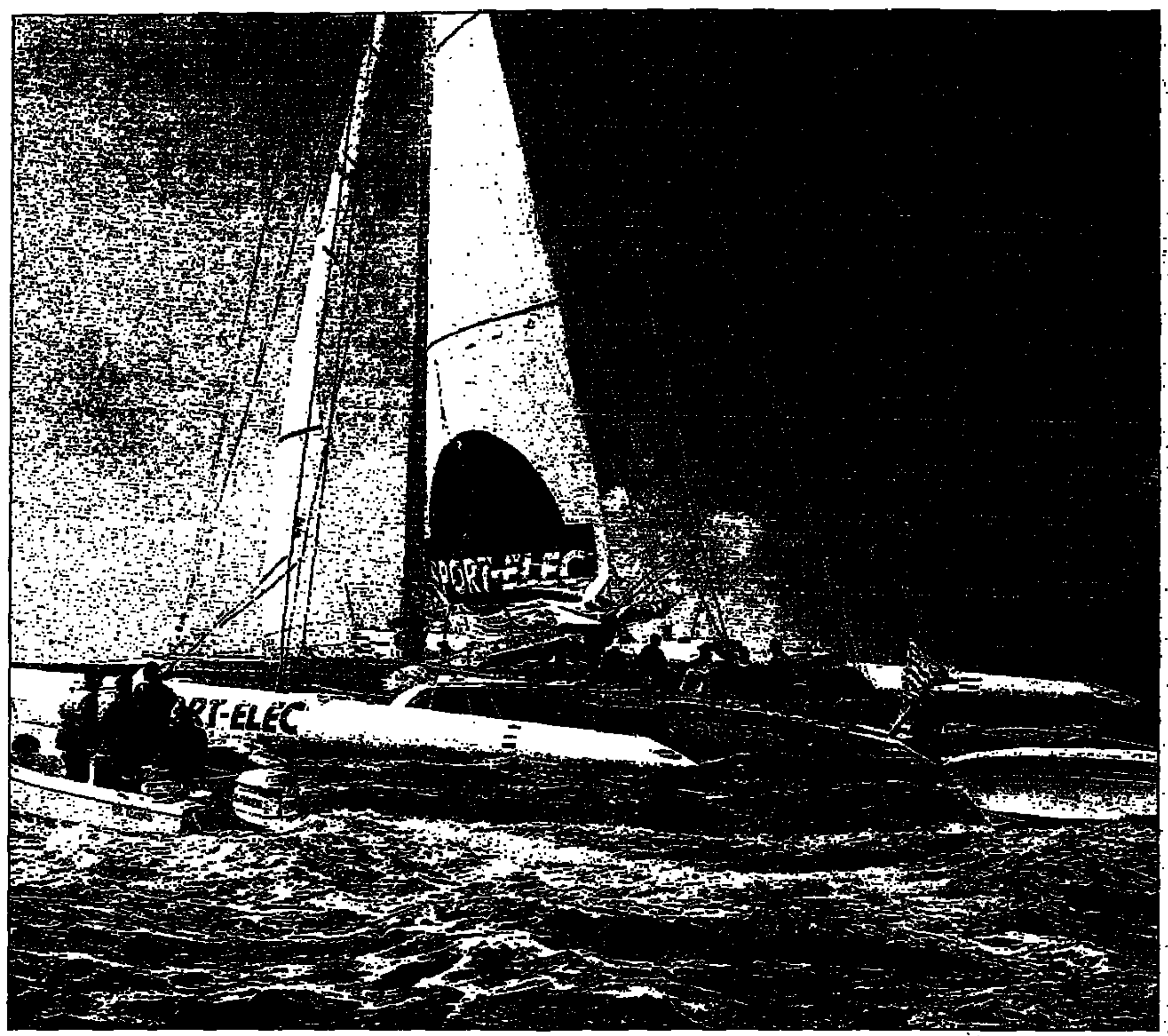
Since then, there have been three other attempts, all of which were abandoned when de Kersuason calculated he was *slipping too far behind ENZA's* time or because weather patterns suggested a record was unlikely. On this latest attempt, which started *on March 8, de Kersuason* sailed a much shorter course than *ENZA*, shaving as much as 1,500 miles off the total distance. His average speed was slower than the 14.68 knots achieved by *ENZA*.

De Kersuason had a crew of six on board *Sport-Elec*, a 90ft trimaran that had a new mast installed for the voyage and was lightened by around 400 kilos to make her faster.

In breaking the record, de Kersauson has thrown down the gauntlet to Tracy Edwards, of Great Britain, who sets off on her own record *attempt next January* in the old *ENZA*, now renamed *Royal SunAll-iance.* Edwards said last week that she hoped de Kersuason would not take more than a day off the old time. She said that much more would make breaking it again extremely difficult.

However, *Royal SunAlliance* has had up to half a ton of weight taken out, has lighter deck gear and a new set *of sails* that are more advanced both in design and material. Ed Danby, Edwards's project manager, who was part of Knox-Johnston's *crew*, believes *the* boat is sailing faster than ever before.

Peter Morton, the project manager of the British Admiral's Cup team, has confirmed that Chris Law is to skipper the Corel 45, *Corum Indulgence*. Morton said Law, who won the Hoya Royal Lymington Cup at the weekend, would strengthen the team. "Chris Law is out *there winning* and we need as many winners as we can get," he said.



De Kersuason's trimaran, *Sport-Elec*, completes its record-breaking circumnavigation yesterday

GOLF: MASTERS CHAMPION SETS HIS SIGHTS ON SECOND MAJOR SUCCESS

Woods takes root in glory

BY JOHN HOPKINS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

THE Tiger Woods bandwagon rolls on, setting new records, raising the standard of golf and bringing thousands of extra spectators to the course every time he plays. Woods had taken a month off after his 12-stroke victory in *the Masters, but it made no* difference. In the Byron Nelson Classic on Sunday, he caried on where he had left off at Augusta — winning, this *time by two strokes. It was his* fifth victory in the 16 events in which he has competed as a professional.

Woods: passion

Woods, who was 21 on December 30, has accumulated £1.34 million from the 16 events in which he has played, which is more money made more quickly than anyone in the history of the game. He is also the youngest man since Horton Smith, in the 1920s, to *acquire five victories. Woods's* five in 16 is unmatched, however. Smith won only two of his first 16 events.

"Tiger is amazing," Colin *Montgomerie said yesterday.* "I watched it [the Byron Nelson] on television and, when I turned it on, Larry Rinker was one up, but you always had the feeling tht he was going to lose. The putting, the passion of the guy [Woods] — he is not No 1, but we all acknowledge he is the best player in the world. We have got to improve beyond what we thought."

In three weeks' time, Woods *will bid for victory in the* second major championship of the year, the US Open. His performance will be an indication of his ability, because he will face a course with *narrow* fairways and thick rough, features absent at Augusta. "This [the Byron Nelson course in Irving, Texas] was the tightest course he has won on," Montgomerie said. "It does not augur well for the rest *of us in the US Open.*".

Woods attracted more than twice as many spectators as normal to the tournament and advance ticket sales were a record. *During the event, it* was revealed by the US Tour that revenue from new television contracts would quadruple to £130 million by 2002 — all because of Woods.

Rinker, who finished second on Sunday, had the final word on Woods: "He kept saying he didn't have his A game. What is his A game, 40 under par?"

☐ Chris Johnson, of the United States, stuttered before *winning the first major of her* 18-year career at the McDonald's LPGA championship in Wilmington, Delaware, a nervous par at the second play-off *hole edging out her compatriot*, Leta Lindley. Laura Davies, of Britain, the defending champion, birdied the last two holes to earn a share of fourth place with Sherri Steinhauer, of the United States.

Stupples and Ratcliffe lead the chase

THE English women's amateur championship, which starts at Saunton today with *the* first of two qualifying rounds, is officially a closed event, but, in reality, is the most open for years (Patricia Davies writes).

Joanne Hockley, the champion, has turned professional, as has Lisa Educate, the runner-up. Julie Hall, who won in 1994 and 1995, has retired and there is no former champion in the draw, although Emma Duggleby won the British title at Newport in 1994.

Karen Stupples, from Royal Cinque Ports, and Elaine Ratcliffe, from Sandiway, were members of the Great *Britain and Ireland side* that won the Curtis Cup at Killarney last summer and that experience sets them apart from all but Carole Caldwell, *who played in the 1978 and* 1980 Curtis Cups.

Kim Rostron, from Clitheroe, has more recent form, having won the Helen Holm Trophy at Royal Troon a few weeks ago.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Goodway back on Britain's shortlist

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

BY TAKING up the coaching post at Paris Saint-Germain until the end of the season, Andy Goodway has re-entered the frame for the Great Britain position. An appointment for the three-match home series against Australia in November is expected by August.

Goodway's immediate priority is to lift a Paris side beset by injury and poor form away from relegation trouble in the Stones Super League. After the visit of London Broncos next Monday, Goodway will have less than two weeks to prepare the team for testing games against Hunter Mariners and Perth in the world club championship.

As someone who has always wanted to work in Australia, coaching a team of Australians is possibly the next best alternative. However, it could be that Goodway turns to more indigenous talent to help the French club, who now sit below Oldham Bears, his employers until two weeks ago, a place off the foot of the table.

Goodway, 35, the former Wigan and Britain forward, *said that Paris had lost several* games by narrow margins in the first half of the league campaign, but omitted to mention that one such defeat was at Oldham, just before his dismissal. "I realise I am taking on a club in a lowly position, but I am confident of turning things round," he said.

The departure of John Joyner, from Castleford, quickly followed by that of Goodway, from *Oldham, had* rendered the shortlist for the Britain job worryingly thin. Andy Gregory, of Salford Reds, is the early favourite, *but Joe Lydon, the new Rugby* Football League technical director, wants to see how candidates perform in all the world club championship group matches before making a recommendation.

European clubs got an idea yesterday of the task that awaits them next month in a magnificent final of the first Australasian Super League tri-series. New South Wales *beat Queensland 23-22 in Brisbane* in rugby league's first use of the "golden points" rule. With the scores tied after 20 minutes of extra time, the *winning dropped goal by Noel* Goldthorpe ended sudden death in the 104th minute. Brett Mullins scored three of the four New South Wales tries and Steve Renouf got two for Queensland.

IN BRIEF

Handicap lifted as Audis are overtaken

THE weight penalty imposed on the 1996 title-winning Audi A4 quattro, which has struggled in the early rounds of the *Auto Trader* British touring car *championship*, was yesterday rescinded in a bid to make the series more competitive (Mark Fogarty writes).

In the wake of runaway wins by *Renault and Honda* on Sunday at Brands Hatch, where the Audis of Frank Biela, of Germany, and John Bintcliffe, his British team*mate*, were way *off the pace*, TOCA, the championship organiser, removed the additional 30-kilogram handicap in time for the next rounds, at Oulton Park next Monday.

"In coming to our decision, we have taken into account the levels *of competition and* have acted accordingly." Alan Gow, the chief executive of TOCA, said.

The revision means that the four-wheel drive *A4s* will revert to their original minimum weight limit of 1,040 kilograms. TOCA uses a weight-based handicap system to balance competition between cars with different drive configurations.

Tonkov clear

Cycling: Pavel Tonkov, of Russia, the defending champion, took the overall lead in the Giro d'Italia yesterday with a dominating performance in the third stage, an 18-kilometre individual time-trial from Santarcangelo to San Marino. He was timed at 31min 42sec, 21sec faster than Evgeny Berzin, *his compatriot*, who won the event in 1994.

Thomas beaten

Golf: *Linda Evans, 29, from* Penmaenmawr, caused the biggest surprise on a day of upsets *in* the Welsh women's amateur championship at Northop Park yesterday when she knocked out Vicky Thomas, the eight-times champion, from *Pennard*, Swansea, with a 30-foot putt on the final hole of their quarter-final.

Late charge

Gliding: Russell Cheetham won the first day's racing at the British overseas national *championships at Le Blanc*, France, by starting late and catching up those of the field of 40 who had successfully departed earlier without having had to "relight" after indifferent lift.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

It is surprising how many different ways there are to handle quite straightforward suit combinations. The one in the hand *today required an idea that I cannot recall seeing before. It is a* problem from the entertaining quiz set by Andrew Kambites in the English Bridge Union's bi-monthly magazine. Try just looking at the North-South cards.

Dealer East **Love all** **IMPs**

North:
♠K
♥J3
♦AJ872
♣QJ1093

West:
♠Q98432
♥107654
♦4
♣7

East:
♠A7
♥KQ9
♦Q9653
♣K85

South:
♠J1065
♥A82
♦K10
♣A642

Contract: Three No-trumps by South ***Lead: Four of diamonds***

With East-West playing a weak *no-trump. East opens* One Diamond and, with no further East-West bidding, North-South arrive in Three No-trumps. How should South play on a diamond lead?

The problem is to develop an extra trick *in diamonds*, while also finessing the clubs — declarer needs the club king to be right. If you work it through, you will find that an *unusual play is necessary* — declarer must insert the jack of diamonds on the first lead. Now, if East ducks, declarer is in dummy to take the club *finesse and can subsequently* unblock the diamonds before taking dummy's clubs and cashing the ace of diamonds.

If East covers the jack of *diamonds, declarer wins in* hand, overtakes the ten of diamonds with the ace and again takes the club finesse. Finally, he sets up his ninth trick by reaching dummy with the third round of clubs and playing the eight of diamonds. Somewhat *artificial*, I suppose — if West leads either of his majors, South has to go off.

☐ The Crockfords Cup, the English team of four championship, was won at the weekend by Tom Townsend, Phil *King, David Mossop, David* Price and Les Steel.

☐ *Robert Sheehan writes on* bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

BANAGHER
a. A pancake
b. Absurd
c. A Hindu caste

THAMMUZ
a. A three-stringed zither
b. A judge
c. A god

FIARS
a. Mendicant friars
b. Grain prices
c. Sark legal immunity

SCIRON
a. An ironic joker
b. An Aegean island
c. A robber

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KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Euro success

The undisputed star of the gold medal-winning England *team in the European champ*ionship at Pula, in Croatia, was Matthew Sadler, the former British champion. Although all the other team *members* — Short, Adams, Speelman and Hodgson — made praiseworthy "plus one" scores, *Sadler* scored an amazing "plus five" performance, leading to a tally of 7/9.

In this game, taken from England's match against Estonia, *Sadler shows how it is* possible to win against the solid c3 variation of the Sicil*ian Defence*. White overambitiously sacrifices a pawn, but Black carefully nurses his advantage and wins in the endgame. It is noteworthy that Sadler finds no difficulty playing with the black pieces — he also notched up an immense positive score with Black for England in the Olympiad last year.

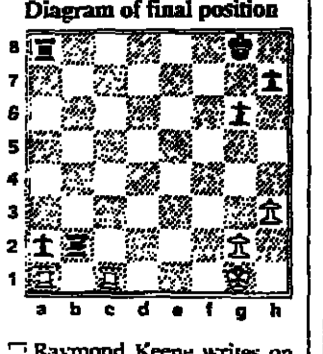
White: Rytshagov
Black: Sadler
European championship
Pula, May 1997

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	c3	Nf6
3	e5	Nd5
4	d4	cxd4
5	Nf3	Nc6
6	Bc4	Nb6
7	Bb3	d5
8	exd6	Qxd6
9	0-0	Be6
10	Na3	dxc3
11	Qe2	Bxb3
12	Nb5	Qb8
13	axb3	e5
14	Nbd4	f6
15	bxc3	Qc8
16	Nxc6	bxc6
17	Nh4	g6
18	f4	Bc5+
19	Be3	Bxe3+
20	Qxe3	0-0
21	fxe5	Qe6
22	c4	Qxe5
23	Qxe5	fxe5
24	Rfe1	Nd7
25	Nf3	Nc5
26	Re3	Rfb8
27	Nd2	Rb7
28	Rxe5	Nxb3
29	Nxb3	Rxb3
30	Re7	a5
31	h3	Rb4
32	Rd1	Rxc4
33	Rdd7	Rh4
34	Rc7	a4
35	Rxc6	a3
36	Rec7	Rha4
37	Rc1	a2
38	Ra1	Rb4
39	Rcc1	Rb2

White resigns

Diagram of final position

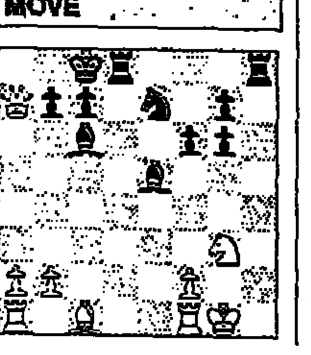


☐ Raymond Keene *writes on* chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Schiffers — Chigorin, St Petersburg, 1897. Here we have the *unusual material balance of one* piece and two pawns against a queen. Black now continued with *the prosaic 1. ... b6, overlooking* the chance for a brilliant finish. What did he miss?



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ATHLETICS

AMBLESIDE, Cumbria: Fairfield Horseshoe fell race (9m, 3,000ft). Men: 1, C Roberts (Kendal) 1hr 22min 02sec; 2, G Devine (Pudsey and Bramley) 1:22:13; 3, M Horrocks (Clayton-le-Moors) 1:23:37; 4, G Webb (Calder Valley) 1:23:43, 5, N Spence (Kendal) 1:24:11; 6, P Singleton (Kendal) 1:25:22. Over-40: P Clark (Kendal, 9th) 1:29 04 *Teams:* 1, Kendal 12pts; 2, Clayton-le-Moors 38, 3, Calder Valley 37 *Women:* 1, N Lavery (Ambleside, W35) 1:41:41; 2, E O'Shea (Leeds City) 1:44.33, 3, L Osborne (Keswick) 1:44 44

AUSTRALIAN RULES

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE: Richmond 18 11 (119) bt West Coast Eagles 9.13 (67)

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland 8 Toronto 6, Detroit 6 Kansas City 5, Minnesota 7 Boston 5, Texas 4 New York Yankees 2; Anaheim 5 Milwaukee 4; Chicago White Sox 10 Oakland 4; Baltimore 8 Seattle 7
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Montreal 7 Los Angeles 4, Philadelphia 5 Houston 3; Florida 5 Pittsburgh 3 (10inns); New York 10 Colorado 4 Cincinnati 5 San Diego 0; Chicago Cubs 5 San Francisco 3; Atlanta 5 St Louis 1.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-offs: Eastern Conference semi-final: Miami 101 New York 90 (Miami wins best-of-seven series 4-3).

CRICKET

RED STRIPE CUP (third day of four): Charlestown, Nevis: Guyana 257 and 160-4 (Z A Haniff 71, A Haniff 62). Leeward Islands 221 (R M Powell 51) Kingston: Trinidad and Tobago 160 and 245 (D Williams 55), Jamaica 226 and 99-4 (R G Samuels 55)
ABBOTT ALE CUP: Clifton Alliance 39-6 Dinfield 100-4.

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA: Third stage (Santarcangelo to San Marino, 18km time-trial): 1, P Tonkov (Russ, Mapei) 31min 42sec; 2, E Berzin (Russ, Batik) at 21sec; 3, R Petito (It, Saeco) 35; 4, L Leblanc (Fr, Polti) 37, 5, P Ugrumov (Russ, Roslotto) 53, 6, I Gotti (It, Saeco) 55. Leading overall positions: 1, Tonkov 8hr 20min 5sec, 2, Berzin at 1sec, 3, Petito 12; 4 Leblanc 37, 5 G Colombo (It, Batik) 42 6, Ugrumov 53

FIXTURES

CRICKET

Tour match
10.45 50 overs
CHESTER-LE-STREET: Durham v Australians

FOOTBALL

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Harry Sunderland Shield: Final: Old Roan v Leyton County

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: World team championships (at Glasgow)
BOXING: European super-bantamweight championship: M Krastev (Bul, holder) v S Oliver (Finchley) (at Picketts Lock, Edmonton)
GOLF: Andersen Consulting world championship European round (at The Buckinghamshire, Denham)
SPEEDWAY: Individual: Craven Park Classic (at Hull 7.30)

FOOTBALL

Sunday's late results

WORLD CUP: Concacaf zone: Final group: Jamaica 1 El Salvador 0 (in Kingston).
SPANISH LEAGUE: Extremadura 1 Athletic Bilbao 2; Real Madrid 1 Real Valladolid 0; Hércules 0 Valencia 2; Rayo Vallecano 1 Logroñés 0; Real Oviedo 2 Compostela 2; Español 1 Tenerife 0; Racing Santander 1 Real Zaragoza 2; Real Sociedad 1 Atlético Madrid 1; Deportivo La Coruña 0 Sporting Gijon 0. Leading positions: 1, Real Madrid, played 37, 86pts; 2, Barcelona, 37, 78; 3, Deportivo La Coruña, 38, 74.
PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Belenenses 0 *Estrela Amadora 0;* União Leiria 2 Espinho 2; Vitória Setúbal 0 Farense 1; Gil Vicente 2 Rio Ave 2; Sporting Braga 0 CS Marítimo 0; Benfica 1 Leca 0. Leading positions (after *31 matches*): 1, FC Porto, 79pts; 2, Sporting Lisbon, 68; 3, Benfica, 58. FC Porto champions
ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Boca Juniors 3, Banfield 1; Gimnasia de Jujuy 1, Independiente 4; Deportivo Español 0, Huracan 0; Estudiantes de La Plata 0, Velez Sarsfield 3; Colon 2, Newell's Old Boys 2; Lanus 1 Ferro Carril Oeste 1; Racing 2, Huracan Corrientes 0; Rosario Central 3, Gimnasia y Esgrima de La Plata 3; San Lorenzo 2 River Plate 3.

GOLF

DALLAS: Byron Nelson Classic: Leading final scores (United States unless stated): 263: T Woods 64, 64, 67, 68. 265: L Rinker 65, 63, 69, 68. 267: T Watson 65, 66, 69, 67; *D Forsman 67, 64, 66, 70.* 268: R Tway, 69, 66, 68, 65; A Magee 66, 65, 69, 68; C Perry 65, 67, 66, 70; P Stankowski 64, 66, 68, 70; B Bryant 65, 67, 66, 70; M Standly 66, 63, 69, 71; J Furyk 63, 67, 67, 71. 269: J Cook 68, 68, 66, 67; C Parry (Aus) 66, 66, 69, 68; P Mickelson 66, 67, 68, 68; E Johnson 65, 63, 66, 69; N Lancaster 70, 66, 64, 69; P Blackmar 69, 63, 67, 71; H Sutton 66, 65, 66, 70 270: T Kite 69, 67, 67, 67; L Roberts 70, 64, 68, 68; O Browne 74, 64, 63, 69; D Hart 64, 68, 69, 69; N Price (Zim) 69, 65, 67, 69. D Edwards 70, 67, 63, 70; D Bergenio 68, 63, 66, 73. British score: 276: N Faldo 66, 68, 69, 73
WILMINGTON, Delaware: McDonald's LPGA Championship: Leading final scores (United States unless stated): 281: L Lindley 72, 69, 69, 71; C Johnson 68, 73, 69, 71. *Johnson won play-off at second extra hole.* 282: A Sorenstam (Swe) 70, 73, 72, 67. 284: L Davies (GB) 67, 75, 74, 68; S Steinhauer 68, 71, 73, 72. 285: D Coe-Jones (Can) 70, 75, 71, 69; G Graham (Can) 69, 79, 71, 66. 286: P Johnson (GB) 70, 73, 72, 71. 287: K Webb (Aus) 71, 79, 70, 67, B Mucha 68, 73, 72, 74. 288: J Dickinson 75, 72, 68, 73. P Bradley 70, 75, 76, 67, K Robbins 73, 74, 74, 67; B Burton 71, 73, 76, 68, D Dormann 70, 73, 75, 70. 289: W Doolan (Aus) 74, 72, 74, 69; D Andrews 73, 71, 73, 72; L Kane (Can) 73, 74, 71, 71; K Saiki 68, 75, 69, 77. 290: A Fruhwirth 72, 75, 73, 70; J Wyatt (Can) 73, 75, 71, 71. *Other British scores:* 292: D Reid 74, 75, 73, 70; C Matthew 71, 75, 75, 71. 293: S Strudwick 72, 74, 77, 70; H Dobson 78, 72, 69, 74. 295: K Marshall 71, 78, 73, 73.
SAUNTON, Devon: Brabazon Trophy (English amateur strokeplay championship): Leading final scores: 271: D Park (Burghill Valley) 69, 70, 67, 65. 276: G Ogilvy (Aus) 74, 68, 70, 65. 278: S Garcia (Sp) 68, 73, 68, 67. 278: P Rowe (West Cornwall) 71, 71, 68, 68; O David (Fr) 68, 68, 71, 70. 280: G Wolstenholme (Kilworth Springs) 76, 68, 68, 68; J Donaldson (Macclesfield) 69, 73, 69, 69; M Sanders (Knowle) 69, 68, 71, 72. R Miller (Holl) 69, 69, 74, 68 281: J Rose (North Hants) 72, 71, 69, 69. 282: K Walbank (Falkhaven) 71, 63, 71, 71
NORTHOP PARK: Welsh women's amateur championship: First round: L Fleet (Clyne) bt N Evans (Pleasington) at 22nd, E Pilgrim (Celtic Manor) bt R Brewerton (Abergele and Pensarn) 2 and 1; B Jones (Denbigh) bt K Stark (Brynhill) 3 and 2: H Lawson (Bull Bay) bt D Richards (Bargoed) 4 and 3; V Thomas (Pennard) bt C Davies (Ashburnham) one hole; L Evans (Penmaenmawr) bt C Joyce (Long Ashton) 2 and 1; L Archer (Telford) bt S Mountford (Tenby) one hole; L Davis (Conwy) bt S Musto (Monmouthshire) 2 and 1. Quarter finals: Pilgrim bt Fleet 5 and 4; Lawson bt Jones one hole; Evans bt Thomas one hole; Davies bt Archer 2 and 1.
CLIFTON, New Jersey: Seniors' tournament: Leading final scores (United States unless stated): 210: B Crampton 76, 67, 67 (won on third extra hole): H Belocchi (SA) 71, 70, 69 212: D Stockton 74, 67, 71. Other scores: 213: L Trevino 75, 72, 66. 220: Ray Floyd 76, 71, 73.

HANDBALL

KUMAMOTO, Japan: World championships: Group A: Yugoslavia bt Lithuania 29-21; Algeria bt Saudi Arabia 19-14. Group D: Russia bt China 34-15; Croatia bt Morocco 25-17.

HOCKEY

THE HAGUE: Men's European club championship: A division: Final: HGC (Hol) 1 Berliner 2. *Bronze medal play-off:* Hightown 5 Glasgow Western 3. Fifth-seventh place play-offs: Valdeluz (Sp) 6 Stade Français 3; Siauliai (Lith) 1 Doncharka (Russ) 3. *France and Lithuania* relegated to B division.
CAGLIARI: Men's European club championship: B division: Final: Instonians 2 Amsicora (It) 2 (Instonians win 4-3 on pens). Third place play-off: Cannock 4 Whitester (Bel) 2. Fifth-eighth place play-offs: Swansea 1 Grange 0; Wiener SK (Austria) 7 Subotica (Yug) 0.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup play-offs: Finals: Eastern Conference: Philadelphia 3 New York Rangers 1; New York Rangers 5 Philadelphia 4 (best of seven series tied 1-1).

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Warrington Wolves 14 Bradford Bulls 38.
AUSTRALIAN SUPER LEAGUE: Tri-series *final: New South Wales 23 Queensland 22.*

SNOOKER

IRTHLINGBOROUGH: Dr Martens European League: Final: R O'Sullivan (Eng) bt S Hendry (Scot) 10-8.

SPEEDWAY

ELITE LEAGUE: Bradford 55 Eastbourne 35; Swindon 51 Belle Vue 39.
PREMIER LEAGUE CUP: Skegness 47 Exeter 43; Oxford 58 Arena Essex 32; Skegness 37 Reading 53.

TENNIS

ST PÖLTEN, Austria: Men's tournament: First round: M Norman (Swe) bt W Schranz (Austria) 6-3, 7-5; J Tarango (US) bt V Spadea (Austria) 6-4, 6-0; P Rafter (Aus) bt R Fromberg (Aus) 7-6, 7-6; T Nydahl (Swe) bt M Hipfl (Austria) 7-6, 5-7, 7-5; S Schalken (Hol) bt T Henman (GB) 6-4, 6-3; M Filippini (Uru) bt J A Viloca (Sp) 7-6, 7-5.

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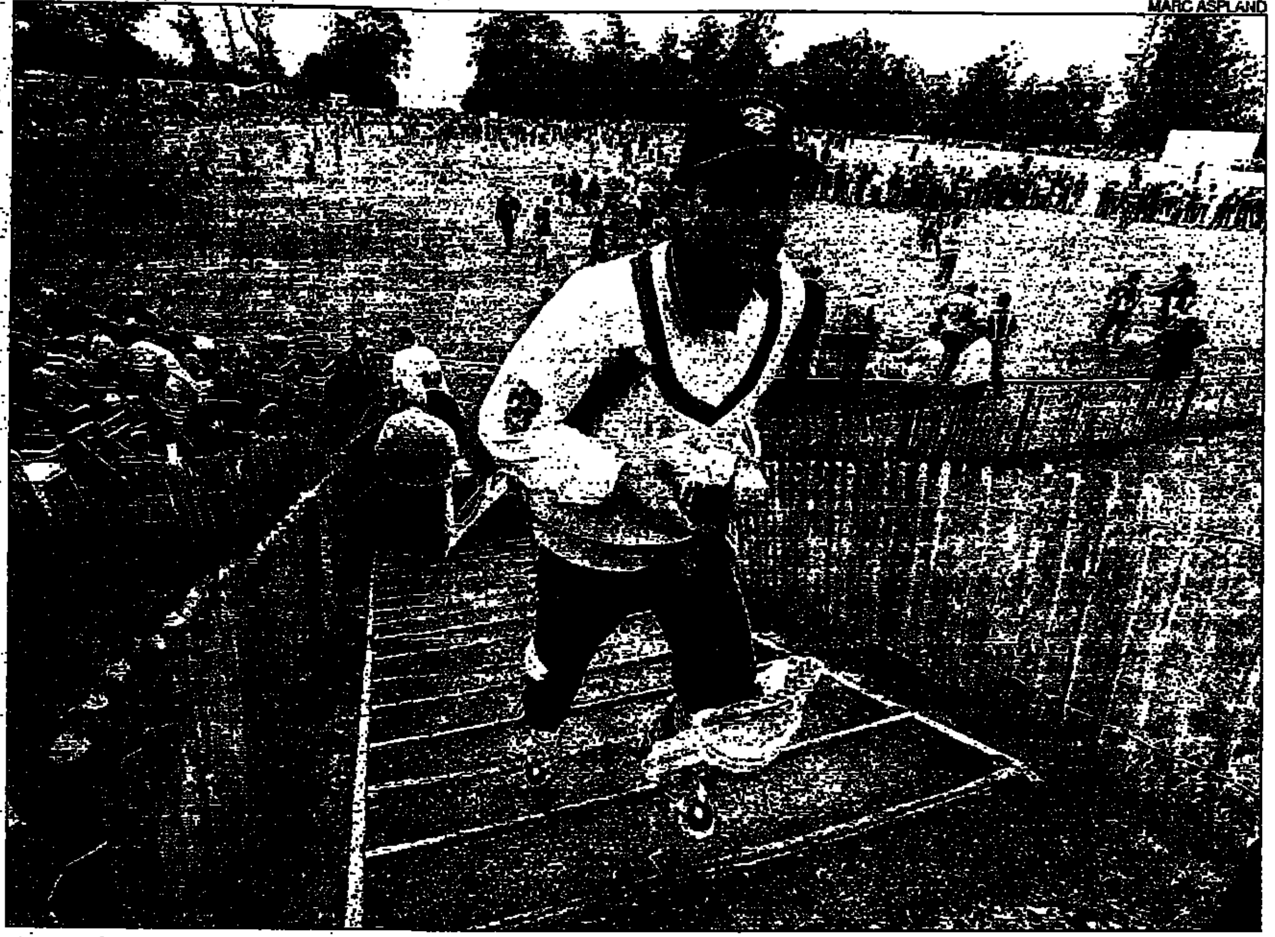
Australian batsman discarded for recklessness opens up to Alan Lee

Slater retains faith in cavalier style


MARC ASPLAND

Slater at Arundel, where he reintroduced himself to English spectators with an unbeaten half-century

Just occasionally, a cricketer comes along who transcends partisanship and generates broad, affectionate appreciation. Such a player is Michael Slater, now embarking on his second England tour with a career to rebuild but a reputation as an entertainer that, in England at least, remains untouched by his soul-searching of the past six months.

Slater is the most dazzlingly instinctive opening batsman in the world today and, of consequence, one of the most vulnerable. Spectators love him for his fallibility as much as his fearlessness; he is that rare being, a cricketer who compels attention through the dread of missing something memorable, magical or howlingly mad.

He was an almost instant revelation in Test cricket, but in India last autumn instinct was traded for impetuosity once too often for the blood pressure of the Australia selectors. After an especially precipitate dismissal, chasing wildly outside off stump to the second ball of a Test in Delhi, Slater was dropped. He has not played an international game since.

This is likely to change at Headingley on Thursday, when Slater will probably bat in the middle order in the opening Texaco Trophy one-day match. He sees this as a platform, a means to the end that has recently consumed him, the re-establishment of his position at No 1 in the Test match side.

For a long time, it seemed Slater was destined to miss this tour, thus missing the return to where it all began, in particular a nostalgic return to Lord's, where he made a century in only his second Test match and celebrated it, engagingly, by kissing the Australian badge on his green helmet.

Slater, now 27, says he was "thrilled but not surprised" to be chosen. "It had all turned full circle in the three weeks before selection," he explains. "The form of certain players in South Africa had gone my way, as did the fact that this tour followed so quickly. From the moment I was left out, my goal and focus was to get back in time for England, so I just crossed my fingers and hoped."

The wounds of rejection have not entirely healed, but only now, with the safety of distance and the security of a second chance, is Slater willing to talk openly about his feelings. At the time, he turned inwards; he abandoned his customarily lucid and approachable personality in favour of silent mourning.

If this sounds excessive, consider the man and his achievements. In 34 Tests, he had made 2,655 runs at an average of 47.41, at least five runs per innings higher than any of the present England team. Moreover, he had made them with the irrepressible spirit that he was now being asked to curb.

He was confused. Also, because the modern international cricketer earns good money and he had just pledged himself and his wife, Stephanie, to a spanking new home in Sydney's dockside, he was entitled to be a little afraid.

"I was in shock, really," he recalls. "It hit me very hard because I didn't see it coming. I had always regarded myself as a consistent Test player and, although no one can ever take such a thing for granted, I had not expected it to be taken away. I did get very low, depressed if you like. I'm only human and I found it hard to handle. At times, especially in the first few weeks afterwards, it seemed that nothing would go right. A long season stretched ahead and I didn't know what else."

The inevitable self-analysis was complicated by the difficulty of reconciling a need to readjust with a desire to retain his identity. "I had to reassess my style, but I came to the conclusion that turning my natural, aggressive game into that of a run accumulator just wouldn't work.

"I received an awful lot of advice and it came down to me to sift through it and decide what was best. If I was getting out playing loose shots, that was something that had to be addressed, but even now I have not made fundamental changes to my technique. I will still get out to poor shots in the future, it's part of the game. I just intend to do it less often."

Slater's banishment polarised Australians. There were those who thought he had it coming to him, like a naughty schoolboy. There were others, like the former captain, Ian Chappell, who took an entirely different view. "The desire to punish Slater showed a lack of understanding in the need to maintain the right balance in the Test side," Chappell said. "Having undermined Slater's confidence in his natural game, he is now in such a mess he will require careful rehabilitation. He may never be the same player again."

Slater is aware of the concern, but intent on ignoring it. "I believe this saga has made me a better person," he said. "The need to rethink my goals and my methods will have done me no harm in the long run."

He has been in England only a week, but already he feels at home and in good form. "The response of the people here has been touching, really warm. A lot of them have come up and said they love the way I play. They seem to worry I'm going to change everything, but I can assure them I'm not. I'm a passionate person and that is how I will always bat. It wouldn't be me otherwise."

Hat-trick specialist awaits date with destiny

Michael Henderson meets an England prospect with Test cricket in his blood

IF Dean Headley is ever going to shed his reputation as a fine county bowler and become the Test match cricketer he aspires to be, he must take the decisive step this summer. On Sunday, he was named in the England party for the Texaco Trophy one-day internationals, but those matches serve as a mere sorbet before the main dish. Has he the stomach for it?

The moment of truth cannot long be delayed. Headley, the Kent fast-medium swing bowler, has been spoken of for the past two years as the coming man among England's battalion of young quick bowlers and he will almost certainly get his chance when the first Test starts at Edgbaston on June 5. If he does play, it will be a homecoming of sorts, since he was born in Stourbridge, where he still keeps a house.

His father, Ron, the former Worcestershire batsman, played Test cricket for West Indies. If it is difficult for a son to tread the same path as his father, then it must have been doubly difficult for Headley *père*, because he had to follow *grandpère*, George, who Cardus considered a finer batsman on all pitches than Bradman.

If he does play Test cricket, the Headleys will become the first family to provide three generations of Test players (there are, remarkably, 32 sets of fathers and sons). To do so, as Headley *grandfils* says, would be "something they can't take away, and if they did, it would take some time". Moreover, it will be the first case of dual nationality.

You could say, therefore, that Dean, now 27, absorbed cricket as freely and naturally as oxygen, although he did not tear up many pear trees at Worcester and, after two years with Middlesex, he found himself — and has really found himself — at Kent. As a late replacement for Peter Martin on the A tour of Pakistan two winters ago, he made a sharp impression and, last year, he took three hat-tricks in championship cricket, which takes some doing. Nobody has ever taken more.

He won a place in England's one-day team against Pakistan at the end of last year, but when the winter parties were announced, he went off again with the A team to Australia, where they played winning cricket. Now, one feels, he is as ready for Test cricket as he will ever be.

"I think I've shown my potential," Headley said. "I have put on pace each year and developed. People want to know whether you can bowl a good outswinger, an inswinger, a yorker. It would be nice to have four variations on a slower ball. If you have two, you may find three. Four, who knows? Nobody can do the same thing all the time unless they are absolutely world class."

Headley: self-critical

He agrees he is self-critical, which is a mark of honesty, and is as likely to award himself decent marks as to do himself down. "There are times when you take nought-for and you may have bowled well. At other times, you may have taken four or five wickets without having bowled well at all. Being critical goes both ways."

As one might expect from a supporter of West Bromwich Albion, he is an optimist. "I would like to think I will play Test cricket. It's hard to decipher what the challenge is before you get there, but I don't think playing county cricket gets you through playing Test cricket. You can average 40 or 50 in county cricket, but that alone doesn't mean you will make that step up. You must have something extra. For a bowler, it may be getting 20 runs with the bat, or saving ten in the field."

He enjoyed Australia, he said, because the pitches, though not always fast, were true. "I prefer to play my first few games each year on shirt-front pitches, where the ball goes through a bit, because it grooves you … you really have to bowl properly."

He also enjoyed the contest with Australian cricketers, though he does not see them as a tribe of supermen. To earn the right to play against them this summer, he will simply carry on as before.

A bright chap, is Headley. He speaks well, has a high regard for his peers and, like many young English players, wants to show that domestic cricket is not so sclerotic as it is sometimes portrayed. He should not have to wait long for his chance. Wish him well.

Promises that too often go up in smoke

Rob Hughes, chief sports writer, on the political football of tobacco sponsorship that has been kicked about for decades

Sport faces rapid change under New Labour. Yesterday, Frank Dobson, the Secretary of State for Health, warned that tobacco sponsorship, as well as advertising, will be outlawed under his administration. Thus 60 sports that have inhaled tobacco money to the tune of £8 million a year over three decades will have to find new ways to finance themselves.

Today, Chris Smith, the Secretary of State for National Heritage, holds counsel with the Sports Council and is expected to reduce the £300 million that sport receives annually from the National Lottery by up to one third. The worst fears are that this drastic cut, in order to finance Labour promises on health and education, will jeopardise John Major's £100 million National Academy of Sport and possibly defer the rebuilding of Wembley Stadium into a crown jewel to be used in enticing the World Cup and the Olympic Games to London.

'Which of us can argue the priority of sport over health?'

Let us be honest. If sport has grown so dependent on tobacco sponsorship — the antithesis of promoting health and fitness — that it cannot live within its means, then it simply must be scaled back. If this puts Britain at a disadvantage to other countries that do not care where the funding comes from, then perhaps Britain should take the healthy lead. It would, after all, help to excuse Great Britain's failure to finish any higher than 36th at the last Olympics. … a failure that, incidentally, Labour pledged to reverse in the chase for popular votes. Jack Cunningham, then the Shadow Heritage Secretary, boasted that Labour would put Britain back into the Olympic top ten. He did not say how, he did not cost his promise and now, in the agriculture ministry, he is able to bury the hollow words.

But, to be fair, which of us, sports lovers though we may be, can argue the priority for sport over health and education? If Labour wants to put back the grass roots, replace, where possible, the lost playing fields and encourage teachers to spend time coaching their pupils, then, arguably, that will have its place among the priorities of the nation's health.

In any event, the Tory ideal of establishing its academy of sport never seemed more than an expensive experiment. Do we *want* sport weaned by a Government, or an administration depending on the nationalism that has corrupted the sporting ethos as much as drugs. If the academy had to produce results against, say, China, how far would the Government go in tolerating the distortion of mind and body, the obsession that is now almost a prerequisite of winning international titles?

Messrs Dobson and Smith must forgive us our suspicions. Frank Dobson has been consistent in his anti-smoking rhetoric — indeed, his words yesterday to the nurses of Britain were the same as in one of his speeches as Shadow Health Secretary, way back in 1986. At that time, the Conservative Government also spouted the intention to separate sport from tobacco. It delivered to such an extent that the Formula One circus, half the cars carrying tobacco advertisements, is about to be floated on the Stock Exchange; how sad it will be for Bernie Ecclestone if Labour, tampering with the freedom to promote smoking, should cut the valuation from £2 billion to a mere £1 billion!

Politicians, promises, money and tobacco. It begins to sound as hollow as a smoke ring, because in 1965 the Government banned advertising of tobacco on television. Shortly after that, Lord Howell, who, as Denis Howell, was to become the Labour Minister for Sport, formed a company with the agent, Bagenall Harvey, setting up tobacco sponsorships; Lord Howell called tobacco money the "lifeblood" of sport.

From then until today, sport built a dependency on the tobacco handout. It is ironic that the Sports Council journeys to the National Heritage Ministry today in fear of losing even more income, when, in 1978, that council rejected a resolution urging it to "neither negotiate nor associate with tobacco sponsorship". John Disley, then its vice-chairman, lamented "that some of our sports bodies should associate with tobacco, I find like putting King Herod in charge of child welfare". Almost 20 years on, the debate goes around and around. It is a treadmill, this conflict of sport tainted by nicotine, and Labour has yet to deliver on its promise and its threat.

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HOCKEY

Instonians on target in shoot-out

INSTONIANS, from Belfast, won the B division of the European club championship in Cagliari, Italy, yesterday, twice coming from behind against Amsicora, the home side, in the final to force a penalty shoot-out, which they won 4-3.

In a display of immense fortitude, Mark Irwin and Mervyn Cooke levelled the scores from penalty corners during normal time after Alessio Raggio had twice converted penalty strokes. Cooke and his brothers, Paul and Neil, were also on target in the shoot-out, along with Paul Holloway, the captain.

Cannock, of England, also had to come from behind in their bronze medal play-off against White Star, of Belgium. A goal down in the first minute, they responded with two goals from Bob Crutchley and one each from Chris Mayer and Paul Edwards to earn a 4-2 win.

Swansea registered their first victory of the tournament in their final game. They beat Grange, from Scotland, 1-0 with a 31st-minute strike by Carlo Lucignoli that ensured that Whitchurch, their successors as Welsh champions, will remain in the B division.

Hightown duplicated Cannock's success in the A division of the women's championships at The Hague, Holland, beating Glasgow Western 5-3 in an uncompromising contest to secure third place.

Berliner won the title for the first time when they came from a goal behind to beat HGC, the home team, 2-1 in the final.

TENNIS

Injury rules Becker out of French Open

BORIS BECKER'S hopes of winning the French Open, the only grand slam crown still eluding him, were dashed yesterday when he had to pull out of the championships. Pete Sampras's French hopes also receded when an injury forced him to retire from a match against Mark Philippoussis, of Australia, in Düsseldorf yesterday.

The organisers of the French Open said that the 29-year-old German had withdrawn through injury from the clay-court tournament, which starts next Monday. They did not give details, but Becker's season has been hampered by a lingering wrist injury that allowed him to play in only two tournaments in the past three months, in Monte Carlo and Hamburg.

Sampras's preparations were thrown into disarray by an injury to his left thigh. He says he does not know what his plans are, but hopes to be fit for Paris.

Tim Henman, the British No 1, last night vowed to return to the practice courts immediately as he made his second early exit from a tournament in successive weeks. The world No 17 slumped 6-4, 6-3 to Sjeng Schalken, of Holland, in the first round of the Raiffeisen Grand Prix in Austria, less than a week after being beaten in the Italian Open second round by an Italian qualifier, Davide Scala.

"I think in the next five or six days it will be pretty important to put in some practice time," Henman said.

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday May 24

Coupon No, fixture, forecast

VICTORIA FIRST DIVISION	
1 Br'dm'd's v Moor'bin	2
2 Doncaster v Kingston	X
3 Lalor U v Maroondah	1
4 Richm'd v Northcote	1
5 S Danden'g v W'gate	1
6 Werribee v Western	X
7 Westvale v Sp'gvale C	1
SECOND DIVISION	
8 Altona v E Richmond	X
9 Bell Park v Knox City	2
10 E Altona v Moor'bark	1
11 E Brunsw'k v Waverley	2
12 Fr'kston P v Oakleigh	2
13 Ringwood v Glen Eira	1
THIRD DIVISION	
14 Banyule v Melbourne	1
15 Chelsea v Fitzroy	1
16 Cranbourne v Diam'd	1
17 N Cob'g v S Sp'gvale	X
18 Nunawad'g v Geelong	2
19 S Caulf'd v Pascoe	1
20 S Werribee v Keilor	X
W AUSTRALIA LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION	
21 Fremantle v Morley	1
22 Kingsway v Bayswater	1
23 Knights v Joondalup	1
24 Perth v Inglewood	1
25 Sorrento v Spearw'd	2
26 Stirling M v Dianella	X
27 Swan IC v Athena	2
FIRST DIVISION	
28 Armadale v Wanneroo	2
29 Ashfield v Queens Pk	X
30 Bassendean v N Lake	1
31 Cockburn v Perth City	2
32 Rock'gham v Stirling S	1
33 Southside v Leeming	1
SOUTH AUSTRALIA PREMIER DIVISION	
34 Campb'll'n v Salisbury	1
35 Olympians v Woodville	X
36 Port Lion v Adelaide R	2
37 WT Birkalla v B Eagles	2
FIRST DIVISION	
38 Croydon v Modbury	1
39 Cumberland v Pt Pirie	X
40 Elizabeth v Plympton	1
41 Para Hills v Enfield	2
42 Seaford v Adelaide C	2
43 W Adel'de v Noarlunga	2
TASMANIA SOUTH PREMIER DIVISION	
44 Dosa v Kingston	X
45 Kingboro v New Town	2
46 Taroona v Phoenix	X
47 University v Howrah	1
NEW SOUTH WALES FIRST DIVISION	
48 Fairfield B v M Prichard	1
49 Penrith v West W	1

DRAWS (home teams): Doncaster, Werribee City, Altona City, North Coburg, South Werribee, Stirling Macedonia, Ashfield, Olympians, Cumberland, Dosa, Taroona, Geelong, Spearwood, Wanneroo, Adelaide Raiders, Blue Eagles.

HOMES: Lalor United, South Dandenong, Westvale, East Altona, Banyule, South Caulfield, Kingsway, Bassendean, Rockingham, Croydon.

BEST DRAWS: Doncaster, North Coburg, Ashfield, Olympians, Dosa.

AWAYS: Moorabbin, Knox City, Oakleigh,

☐ Vince Wright

Vince Wright forecast six out of eight aways last Saturday

BADMINTON

New series designed to raise profile

THE All-England championships are likely to become part of a new, higher-status series of tournaments in the world grand prix circuit named the "seven spectaculars" (Richard Eaton writes). The series is designed to increase worldwide television coverage and give badminton a new image and direction.

It should include four big prize-money tournaments in Asia, two in Europe and one in the United States. "The Atlanta Olympics did not move the sport forward a lot," David Shaw, the executive director of the International Badminton Federation (IBF), said on the opening day of the world championships in Glasgow yesterday, "but there is a huge potential market in the United States, with a lot of people playing socially."

The All-England, with $125,000 prize money, arguably retains its status as the most prestigious open tournament, though whether or not it becomes part of the new series will depend upon the IBF and the Badminton Association of England reaching agreement with the Asian-based Star television company — something that has not happened in the recent past.

The series should begin in 1999. Leading into it next year will be two smaller, shop window events, possibly comprising the top four men's singles players and the top four men's doubles pairings, in Sydney and either Rome or London. If this attracts worldwide television coverage, it will mean that the World Cup this year will be the last.

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CHANGING TIMES

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Tribute fit for a king pales beside greatest feats of Clay

A new film purports to show Muhammad Ali at the peak of his boxing career, but **Brian Glanville** recalls a golden age

The film documentary *When We Were Kings* tells, in its sometimes enthralling, sometimes anti-cinematic way, of Muhammad Ali's "Rumble in the Jungle" in Kinshasa in 1974, his extraordinary victory over George Foreman. Enthralling, for its filming of the event itself: engaging, in its portrait of Ali: anti-cinematic, in its plethora of talking heads.

The one that talks most is Norman Mailer's, by turns analyst and groupie. Mailer wrote a strange book about the contest, in which he described how, in an odd magical ritual, he walked around the balcony of his hotel room, propitiating fate on Ali's behalf.

When We Were Kings opened in Britain last week

At the end of the film, sheer embarrassment as Mailer tells a tale of how the ailing Ali complimented him on looking so young at 62, moving Mailer to go off like a dog — a fawning dog? — to urinate. At which Ali asks Mailer's far younger wife why she is still "with that old man".

The film shows Ali as an astonishing boxer, a supremely handsome human being, an infinitely charming and loquacious egotist, but claims by one of the talking heads that Ali might be a "great political leader" are simply absurd.

As one who covered several of Ali's earlier fights, notably his sensational victory in Miami Beach over Sonny Liston in 1964, I found that the film omitted a complete dimension. Where it tries to show Ali as hero, it is surely more appropriate to see him as victim.

Another talking head tells us that, for all his present slurring and shambling, the cruel product of his Parkinson's Syndrome, Ali is now a happy man. But who can be happy when, remembering him in all his physical glory, he sees the Ali of today, a brutal parody of what he was? And, seeing him, reflects how it must have happened, the fights too far, the punches to the head sustained despite his marvellous evasive skills.

For me, the watershed, the ugly moment of truth, came in 1966 in the dressing room of the White City gym before Ali's second meeting with Henry Cooper. He was on the massage table, for once calm and serene. Indeed, he had been sending up his own, flamboyant style of earlier days.

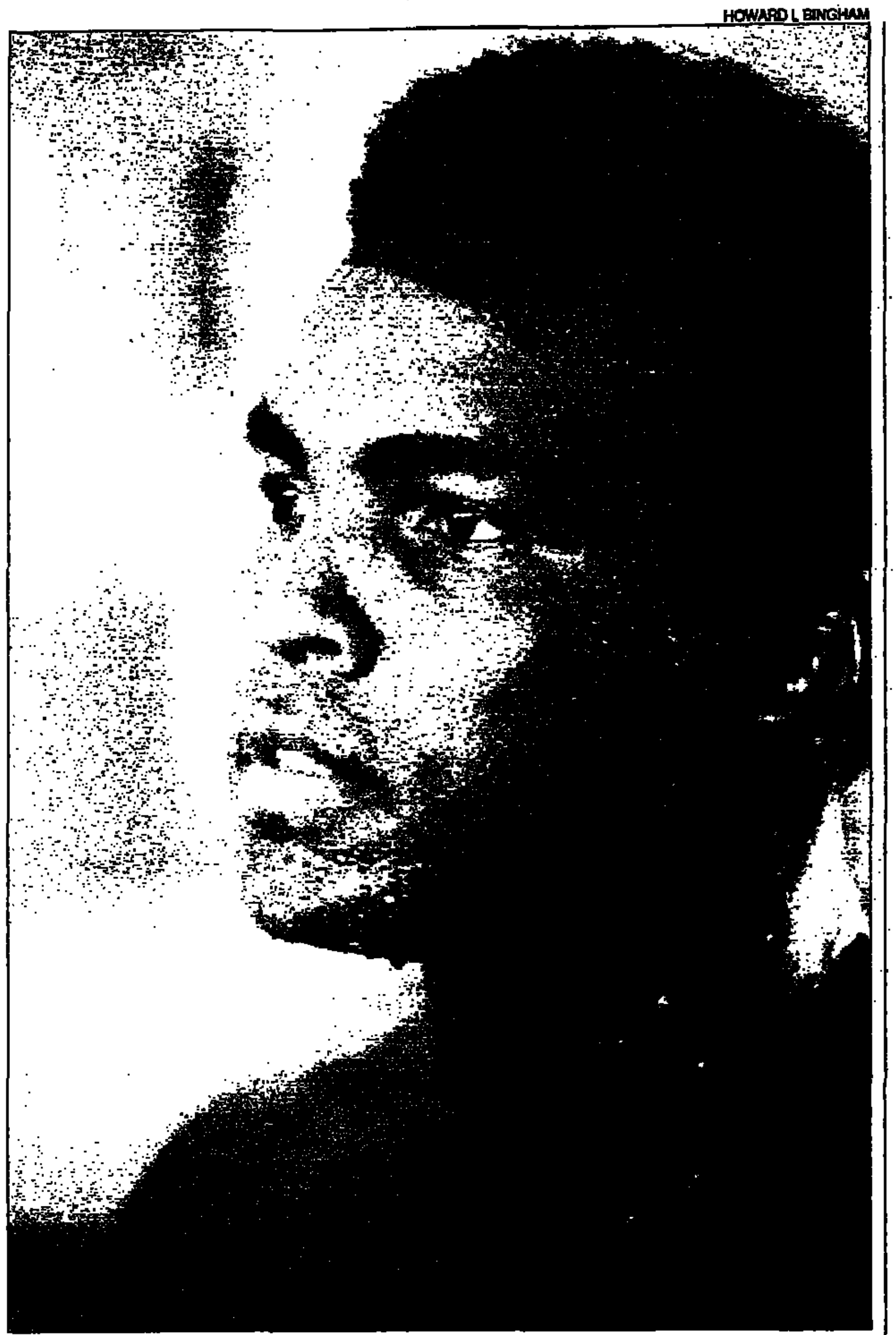
"Let's go back to the past: for just *five* minutes! If he give me jive, he'll fall in five! Let me go, Angelo; I want him *now*!"

Recumbent, Ali said, "Presidents of the USA, they have their advisers. There's my brains, right there."

At which I expected him to indicate Angelo Dundee, who had trained and nurtured him so assiduously, but he did not. "Herbert Muhammad!" Ali cried, and pointed to a short, plump, black man who stood smiling in a corner. Herbert Muhammad, the son of Elijah Muhammad, founder and baleful leader of the Black Muslims.

It was the Black Muslims, by then, who controlled Ali, who had persuaded him to change his name from Cassius Clay, to leave the group of rich businessmen from Louisville, Kentucky, who had skilfully guided his career up to the time that he took the title from Liston.

HOWARD L BINGHAM



Ali in *When We Were Kings*, an astonishing boxer and loquacious egotist

By an irony, however, it was supposed, at the time of Ali's conversion, that it had been engineered not by Elijah Muhammad but by Malcolm X, the rival whom the Black Muslims would eventually shoot down.

Had the Louisville consortium continued to look after Clay, as he then was, would he have kept much more of his money? Would he have been forced to keep on fighting for so long?

He had 22 fights after taking the title back from Foreman. A talking head assures us that Ali just loved fighting. Did he? The day after beating Liston, Clay told us that he did not like hurting people, he did not like fighting — and neither had his hero, Sugar Ray Robinson.

As for his subsequent status, under the Black Muslims, an icon and a role model for young blacks, had he not been that already, by virtue of defeating Liston? A well-known liberal American journalist remarked to me the day after that Liston was, "the kind of coloured man who keeps other coloured men in line. I'm glad to see him get it".

A few days later, I flew to New York to work on a boxing documentary for the BBC. Clay turned up at their Fifth Avenue headquarters to record an interview with Harry Carpenter, in London.

He arrived with an entourage — indeed, an entourage would surround him, flattering and exploiting, for the rest of his boxing career. Sam Cooke, the singer who would eventually be shot dead, was one of the noisy group. Clay was noisiest of all. He would not say a word until he had the cheque and halfway through the interview he stopped, to demand more money. Only his devoted camp follower, Bundini Brown, was missing — Brown, who pops up early in *When We Were Kings*, described as assistant trainer, solemnly predicting the fight; Brown, who claimed authorship of his and Clay's famous chant, "Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee! Yeah! Rumble, young man, rumble!"; Bundini Brown, who, in that dingy Miami Beach gym, where the Beatles turned up to be photographed with Clay, complained, "I'm giving everything and getting nothing!"

"I'm so great," Clay would cry, "that the Beatles came to get *my* autograph!" Soon after the rumpus at the BBC, I went to Harlem to interview Malcolm X at the Hotel Teresa, where Joe Louis used to stay in his time as world champion. Clay was on the steps, haranguing a small crowd. Upstairs, in the hotel, was Malcolm X, lean, bespectacled, courteous and intense.

His analysis was persuasive. His solution was all cloud cuckoo land. Blacks constituted ten per cent of the American people. They should therefore be granted a separate state, with ten per cent of the territory.

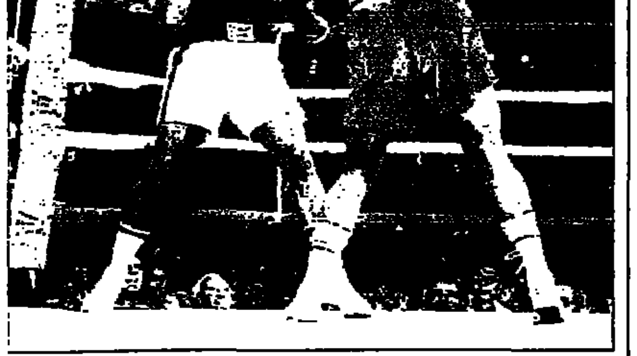
When Ali talks, on this documentary, one hears the voice of the Black Muslims. Whatever the atrocious suffering of American blacks across the generations, Africa is surely no panacea. Ali insists that America's blacks have been brainwashed with white attitudes and must therefore be "unbrainwashed".

If anybody was brainwashed, it appears to have been Ali himself. He showed courage, and was vindictively punished, for standing up against the Vietnam War, but at whose instigation was he standing? I much preferred the unreconstructed Clay, for all his exhibitionism.

In Miami Beach, Liston, before the fight, was the funnier man and, at the weigh-in, Clay appeared to go berserk, yelling and ranting at a passive Liston. "You a chump! You a chump!" Jim Manning, of the *Daily Mail*, wrote that Clay was too sick to fight, but it was just one more manoeuvre.

In the event, Clay boxed beautifully, slipped punch after punch, until Liston, his shoulder strained, quit on his stool. In Kinshasa, Ali, who had been promising to "dance", played "rope-a-dope" instead, until Foreman had punched himself out and could be punched in his turn.

But in the last analysis, the exploited Ali just took too many punches.



Ali employs his "rope-a-dope" tactic against Foreman

Oliver must overcome inexperience

IF Spencer Oliver becomes the European super-bantamweight champion tonight, he will be only beginning to fulfil the expectations of his manager, Jess Harding (Srikumar Sen writes). According to Harding: "This kid is so special, he will go all the way and become world champion."

Before that, however, the 22-year-old Londoner must overcome the formidable presence of the European title-holder, Martin Krastev, of Bulgaria, at Picketts Lock, Edmonton, north London. While some experts feel that the bout could represent a step up in class too early in Oliver's career — he has had just ten contests, all of which he has won — Harding believes that his man's courage, technique and work-rate will see him through against the tough Krastev, 28, who is the first Bulgarian to hold a European championship.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 52

BANAGHER

(b) *That beats Banagher* = wonderfully inconsistent and absurd — exceedingly ridiculous. Banagher is a town in Ireland, on the Shannon, in Offaly. It formerly sent two Members to Parliament, and was a notorious pocket borough. When an MP spoke of a family borough, where every voter was a man employed by the owner, the stock reply was: "Well, that beats Banagher." Others say that Banagher was an Irish minstrel famous for telling tall stories.

THAMMUZ

(c) A Sumerian, Babylonian and Assyrian god who died every year and rose again in the spring. He is identified with the Babylonian Marduk and the Greek Adonis. In *Ezekiel viii, 14*, reference is made to "women weeping for Tammuz". Milton, *Paradise Lost*: "Thammuz came next behind,/ Whose annual wound in Lebanon allured/ The Syrian damsels to lament his fate/ In amorous ditties all a summer's day./ While smooth Adonis from his native rock/ Ran purple to the sea, supposed with blood/ Of Thammuz yearly wounded."

FIARS

(b) *Striking the fiars* is fixing the prices of the different varieties of grain in the various counties of Scotland. The decision was made by the sheriff on the advice of a jury. The system was originally used for determining crown rents, clerical stipends, etc., and applied to all contracts where the prices were not fixed by the parties concerned.

SCIRON

(c) A robber of Greek legend. He infested the coastal road near Megara, robbed travellers and forced them to jump off the rocks into the sea. There they were devoured by a monster. Theseus killed him.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1... Rh1+!; 2. Nxh1 Bh2+!; 3. Kxh2 Rh8+; 4. Kg3 (4. Kg1 Rxh1 mate) ... Nf5+; 5. Kf4 Rh4 checkmate.

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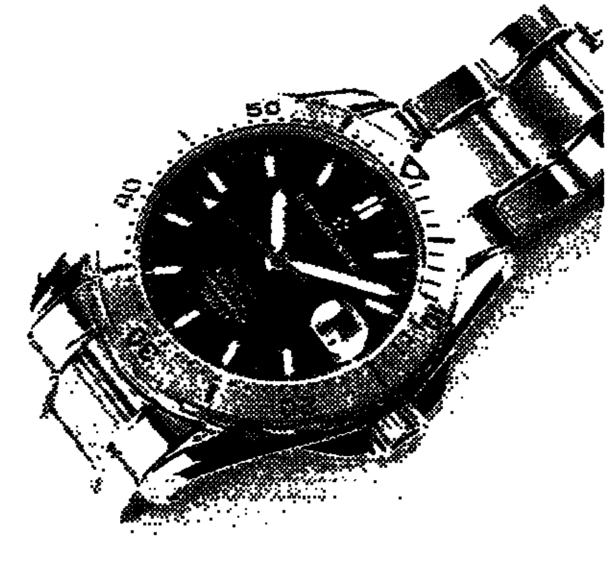

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TELEVISION CHOICE

A big bang at Dounreay

Home Ground: A Nuclear Dustbin
BBC2, 7.30pm

The season of documentaries from the BBC regions continues with a disquieting report about a nuclear explosion in Scotland. Although the blast happened 20 years ago, the gist of Louise Tait's very thorough report is that the full implications were largely hidden at the time and are only now being recognised. The blast took place in the main waste shaft at the Dounreay nuclear establishment in Caithness. For nearly two decades the shaft was used to dispose of highly radioactive material, though precautions were not as tight as they should have been. A government advisory body has been critical of the handling of the shaft and there are suggestions that the high incidence of leukaemia cases in the Caithness area may be linked to radioactive discharge.

Moving People
Channel 4, 8.00pm

John Peel introduces another three stories of moving home and, as always, the best is the most poignant. How could it be otherwise when Peggy Chew, a 70-year-old widow, is leaving the house where she has lived for 43 years? Her tale is not principally of the stresses of the actual move, though there is an alarm when a buyer suddenly pulls out and breaks the chain. Rather, it is of memories, above all of her late husband. They first met when she was 14 and they married after his return from a prisoner of war camp. The packing up is tough, but the house is too expensive to keep warm and she cannot turn back. Elsewhere, a wife nearly comes to blows with her spouse over his casual attitude to the move, and a couple with a six-month-old baby leave their tower block for a house with a garden.

QED: Superspecs
BBC1, times vary

Remember the clockwork radio, featured on a previous series of *QED*? It seemed just the thing for developing countries short on batteries and electricity. Dr Josh Silver's spectacles fall into the same category. The World Health Organisation estimates that one billion people cannot see properly because they cannot afford glasses.

Dr Silver tests his lens (BBC1, times vary)

Silver's solution, as ingenious as it is cheap, is a variable focus lens. Syringes inject silicon liquid between two pieces of plastic held in place by metal rings. Once the wearer can see clearly, the syringes are removed. Silver takes his invention to Ghana. Satisfied customers include a man who lost his factory job because of worsening eyesight and a fisherman who can barely see to mend his nets. Without commercial backing, however, the project could be stillborn.

Victoria and Albert
ITV, times vary

Albert having died of typhoid at the end of the first programme, this concluding one is mostly about Victoria, but the dead consort continues to throw his shadow. The film charts Victoria's long and reclusive period of mourning, which made her so unpopular with her subjects that some of them campaigned to turn Great Britain into a republic. It took a serious illness to the future King Edward VII, and an attempt on her own life, to win public opinion back. Prince Michael of Kent, with the help of an unseen narrator, Sian Phillips, tells the tale in a solid and uncontroversial style. This is the unrevised Victoria of the school history books, delighting in Disraeli, dismayed by Gladstone and finding an unlikely companion in the untutored Highlander, John Brown. Dramatised episodes fill out the narrative until moving film takes over towards the end of the reign. **Peter Waymark**

RADIO CHOICE

The Network: Information as Power
Radio 4, 8.30pm

Too many programmes about information technology take a wide-eyed approach and therefore become advocates rather than critical analysts. This one is a welcome exception, taking in the risks as well as the benefits of empowering people through technology. Part of the focus tonight is on Internet shopping, much vaunted as the means to do everything from reducing the stress of ploughing around supermarkets to reducing traffic jams by enabling us to order from home; but Alun Lewis asks the question that many in the computer business worry about: what guarantee is there that credit card details sent down a telephone line will not be exploited by the unscrupulous? Lewis reports on moves to improve security.

People to People
Radio 2, times vary

This is a two-day campaign run in conjunction with the European Year Against Racism, fronted by the actor, Patrick Robinson, of *Casualty*. In addition to dealing with the problems confronted by members of ethnic minorities, including the physical attacks that feature all too often in news reports, there will be a strong emphasis on the contribution made by people of a black and Asian background to British society and culture. In that regard, Radio 2's music output over the two days will feature the wealth of musical diversity brought about by the influences of ethnic minorities. Jimmy Young's programme at 11.30am will look at manifestations of racism in Europe. There is also a free helpline: 0800 022 022. **Peter Barnard**

RADIO 1

7.00am Mark Radcliffe **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Jo Whiley **2.00pm** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Kevin Greening **6.15** Newsbeat **6.30** Evening Session **8.30** Digital Update with Rachel Reynard **8.40** John Peel **10.30** Mary Anne Hobbs **1.00am** Claire Sturgess **4.00** Clive Warren

RADIO 2

All day: People to People: See Choice **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Diane Louise Jordan**3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Alan Freeman **8.00** Nigel Ogden **9.00** The Rock'n'Roll Years **9.30** Wallin' on Wan' the Story of Bingo **10.30** Richard Allinson **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Adrian Finighan

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, includes Racing Preview **9.00** The Magazine **12.00** Midday with Mair **2.00pm** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra **7.35** Any Sporting Questions? Guests include England cricketer Dominic Cork and *Wisden* editor Matthew Engel **9.00** Murray Walker's Grand Prix World **10.00** News Talk **11.00** News Extra **12.00** After Hours **2.00am** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

5.00am** Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr **7.00** Paul Ross **9.00 Scott Chisholm **12.00** Lorraine Kelly **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Moz Dee's Sportszone **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour. **6.00am** Newshour **6.30** Europe Today **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Imperial Orphan **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** Touched with Fire **8.45** The Good Relationship Guide **9.00** News in German **9.10** Pause for Thought **9.15** Through Europe **9.30** Everywoman **10.00** Business Report **10.15** Sound Business **10.30** Literature **10.45** Sport **11.30** On Screen **12.30pm** Imperial Orphan **1.00** News in German **1.05** Business Report **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Health Matters **1.45** Sport **2.00** Newshour **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack **4.05** Sport **4.15** Through Europe **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** World Business Report **5.45** Britain Today **6.15** The World Today **6.30** News in German **6.45** Sport **7.30** One Planet **8.01** Outlook **8.25** Pause for Thought **8.30** Megamix **9.00** Newshour **10.05** Business Report **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Meridian Live **11.30** The World Today **11.45** Sport **12.05am** Outlook **12.30** Megamix **1.30** The Farming World **1.45** Britain Today **2.30** Discovery **3.30** Meridian Live **4.05** Business Report **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **7.00** Mike Read **9.00** Hall of Fame **10.00** Henry Kelly **1.00pm** Concerto: Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (Clarinet Concerto in A minor Op 80) **3.00** Jamie Crick **7.00** Newsnight **7.30** Sonata: Philippe Gaubert (Flute Sonata) **8.00** Mendelssohn (Concerto for 2 pianos in E major); Fanny Mendelssohn (Extracts from The Year) **10.00** Michael Mappin

VIRGIN RADIO

6.30am Russ 'n' Jono **10.00** Graham Dene **1.00pm** Jeremy Clark **4.00** Nicky Horne **6.00** Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Randal Lee Rose

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Penny Gore. Includes Brahms (Serenade No 1 in D, Op 11); Vaughan Williams (Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis); Humperdinck (Overture No 2: Die Heirat Wider Willen); Sibelius (En Saga)
9.00am Morning Collection, with Catriona Young. Includes Smetana (Vysehrad, Ma Vlast); Elgar (Chanson de Nuit; Chanson de Matin); Britten (Preludes and Dances: The Prince of the Pagodas)
10.00 Musical Encounters, with Nicola Heywood Thomas live from the Brunswick Room at the Guildhall, Bath. Includes a performance by Steven Isserlis, cello, and Imogen Cooper, piano. Beethoven (Sonata in D, Op 10 No 3)
11.00 Bath International Music Festival Chris de Souza introduces a live broadcast of a concert featuring the winner of the 1996 Leeds International Piano Competition, Ilya Itin. Includes Chopin (Polonaise-Fantasie in A flat, Op 61; Mazurka in C sharp minor, Op 30 No 4); Messiaen (Le Baiser de l'Enfant Jésus)
12.00 Composer of the Week: Handel
1.00pm *Ulster Orchestra.* Conductor Tomasz Bugaj, Anthony Goldstone, piano. Marschner (Overture, Der Vampyr); Weber (Konzertstück in F minor, Op 79); Hoffmann (Symphony in E flat)
1.55 Voices. Mezzo Sarah Walker talks to Iain Burnside, including recordings of Handel's *Hercules* and Stravinsky's *The Rake's Progress* (r)
2.40 Baroque Cantatas. The Academy of Ancient Music, Berlin, under Rene Jacobs, at the 1995 Utrecht Early Music Festival. Includes two Italian cantatas and a dramma per musica by Bach
4.00 Spirit of the Age (r)
5.00 Music Machine, with Verity Sharp
5.15 In Tune, with Geoffrey Baskerville. Includes Handel (Sonata in B minor, Op 2 No 1); Saint-Saëns (Piano Concerto No 5 in F)
7.30 Live at Turner Sims. Paul Guinery introduces the fourth in a series of live recitals from Southampton. I Fagiolini, under Robert Hollingworth. Monteverdi (Altri Canti d'Amor); D'India (Dispietata Pietate); Gesualdo (Itene, O Miei Sospiri); Castello (Sonata in D minor for violin and continuo); Monteverdi (Chiome d'Oro; Gira il Nemico insidioso; Hor Ch'el Ciel e La Terra) **8.20** In *The Dell* by James Hamilton-Paterson, a young flute player discovers the relationship between water and music **8.40** Concert, part two Monteverdi (Audi Coelum; Pulchra Es); Castello (Sonata in D minor); Palestrina (Duo Ubera Tua); Lassus (Osculetur Me); Monteverdi (Gloria)
9.30 Young Indians. Noah Richler meets Mukul Kesavan whose novel *Looking Through Glass* follows the fortunes of a photographer at the time of the Quit India movement
9.55 The BBC Orchestras. BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, conductor Elgar Howarth. Debussy (Prelude a l'Apres-Midi d'un Faune. Alasdair Nicolson (Breakdance); Stravinsky (Suite, The Firebird, 1919 version)
10.45 Night Waves. Richard Coles explores the way dogs have been represented by writers. Plus a report from the new Glyndebourne production of Puccini's first international success *Manon Lescaut*
11.30 Composer of the Week: Lehar (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes. Blues singer Blue Lu talks to Alyn Shipton about working with some of the great jazz musicians
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, includes Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Call Edward Stourton
10.00 News; Hong Kong — The Closing Year. A series relating the thoughts of eight diarists during the final year of Hong Kong's existence as a British Crown Colony. The series begins with comments on Hong Kong's wealth and social occasions (1/5)
10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Women's Hour. Jenni Murray meets Birmingham's first black lord mayor, councillor Sybil Spence. *Plus Jan Francis reads the serial Close Relations* (12/12)
11.30 All in the Mind, with Professor Anthony Clare
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Lesley Riddoch
12.25pm Quote... Unquote. Nigel Rees chairs the quotation quiz. On the panel are Graeme Garden, Loyd Grossman, Fenella Fielding and Richard Ingrams **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; A Call from the Dead, by Carey Harrison. A psychiatrist receives a call from the grave in the middle of the night. With John Shrapnel, Nick Dunning and Christopher Scott (r)
2.30 Comparing Notes with Brian Kay. Sir Edward Elgar's godson Wulstan Atkins talks about the composer's life and music
3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan. Chris Eldon Lee goes in search of the origins of cast iron in Britain
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Vaughan reads Jonathan Coe's *The House of Sleep*, a novel that deals with different levels of consciousness and dreaming
4.45 Short Story: A Necessary Price, by Gillian Tindall. A woman has to confront a secret she has kept for more than 50 years
5.00 PM, with Charlie Lee Potter and Jon Sopel **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** *Weather*
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Minor Adjustment, by Andy and Eric Merriman. Richard's wildest dreams seem about to come true. With Peter Davison, Samantha Bond, Claire Russell and Sarah Merriman (4/6) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4, with Liz Carney. The series that deals with major issues, changing attitudes and important events at home and abroad
8.00 Science Now (r)
8.30 The Network. See Choice
9.00 In Touch. Peter White with news and features for visually impaired people
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hilton
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Grass is Singing, by Doris Lessing. Read by Janet Suzman (7/10)
11.00 Mediumwave, with Vincent Hanna (r)
11.30 A Night with... Maggie O'Kane. Six people reflect on the significant part that night has played in their lives. The journalist Maggie O'Kane talks about the nights she will never forget in Bosnia, Baghdad and Cuba (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)
12.00 News (FM) incl 12.27am approx Weather
12.30am The Late Book: A White Merc with Fins. James Hawes' bestselling novel, read by Michael Sheen (2/8)
12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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From cold collation to flash-fried red herrings

REVIEW

Joe Joseph

Typical. You wait ages for a decent suspect to turn up and then half a dozen arrive at once. As Alan Bleasdale's Melissa (Channel 4) canters into the final stretch, all those cold leads that Detectives Cameron and Kilshaw were struggling to warm up last week have turned red-hot. They warn you against doing this kind of thing when cooking chicken: apparently there is a risk that the rapid temperature change will not kill off all the bugs. Slow, thorough cooking is best. Actually, you could slap the same advice label on this five-part homage to Francis Durbridge. After last Wednesday's episode, which ended with the murder of Jennifer Ehle's Melissa, even the Venus de Milo possessed enough fingers to point at all the credible suspects. Now, at last, our fingers have something to do apart from twitch above the "off" switch.

Maybe it was Melissa's hubby Guy Foster, the former war correspondent, but he has so little free time. When he isn't wrestling with his novel (writing one, not reading one), he seems far too busy kicking in television screens: it's a hobby that doesn't leave him much time for committing murders as well. Of course, we are all presuming that Guy's flamboyant tube-trashing eventually has some relevance to the drama. It is too bizarre a character trait to throw in just for the hell of it. But exactly how will it fit into the plot? It is hard to tell: for now, it just sits distractingly on top of events, like a cheap wig.

Then there is Melissa's psychiatrist chum, who seems to be in her debt and who is also being blackmailed: you can tell he is agitated about something because his eyeballs dart about uncontrollably, as if there were nothing anchoring them into their sockets. Don Page — a past-it racing driver who has always pined for Melissa — is behaving oddly. He tries to kill himself by speeding his red Jag into a wall: the airbag inflates. It is a great commercial for Jaguar, but does a man who picks such a low-risk method of suicide (he is a professional driver, remember) have enough intelligence to commit a tangle of murders?

Paula, we now know, is Melissa's real mother: "I was 15 when I had her," she wails, in one of those scenes where the characters explain the plot. So was it Paula who pulled the trigger on Melissa's nasty foster parents in Cape Town in episode one? Julie Walters plays the part of Paula so fluently, she could easily be faking innocence as well. She keeps wailing "I killed her", which is neither here nor there in a murder mystery. But take it down: it may be used in evidence later.

As for Paula's husband, he is an all-purpose creep, so nobody minds pointing a spare finger at him. The dipso chanteuse? She is mad crazy for Don Page, and his heart has always belonged to Melissa, so maybe she did it to get rid of a rival. And why does Guy's old South Africa buddy, George, keep cropping up?

Still, thank God that Cameron and Kilshaw, played neatly by Bill Paterson and Michael Angelis, seem to be making headway at last. Thank God also that Bleasdale, who is one of our cleverest television scriptwriters, has at least given the two coppers some witty lines — although this only serves to highlight how ho-hum much of the dialogue has been. Apart from Foster's enigmatic ravings when he had writer's block ("I can't turn a train into a plane. I see a train ... I haven't seen a plane all day"), the phrase that still jags in your brain is Melissa's admonishment to Guy: "Don't even begin to think you have the right to be anything other than the man I love". Explanations on a postcard, please.

If you have stuck with it so far, then presumably you will be tuning in for tonight's final episode. So will those of us who think that even if *Melissa* is not Bleasdale's best, it has been worth watching. Otherwise it would be like going to watch your team only when it got to the Cup Final.

Not everybody survives very long in a murder mystery, but they mostly survive longer than a mayfly. If you fancy a long life, then my advice is not to get reincarnated as a mayfly.

As George Woodward, a fishing gillie on the River Wye, said in **Tales From The River Bank** (BBC2), when a mayfly hatches into life "he must be thinking, great, I'll have me full 24 hours bonking and then I'm gonna die happy. Imagine how he feels when, just as he surfaces, a swallow or pied wagtail swoops down and eats him."

You especially do not want to be a mayfly on the first day of the salmon-fishing season in Scotland, when anglers gather to pray for success on the riverbank. They also presumably pray that none of their friends finds out how much they paid for their chance to catch their very own "king of fish", because it is certainly a chunk more than the same fish would cost you at Waitrose. Of course, the difference is that these are "wild" salmon. But what is it that makes them so wild? Maybe it is all those men in tweeds trying to slip a hook through their mouths. That would be sure to make most us pretty wild, I would guess. George's big bugbear seems to be people who poach salmon. Maybe he prefers his fried. As I say, it is a world of mysterious passions, this fishing.

I was itching to see **The Antiques Show** (BBC2) because it was promising to show us how David Hare transforms junk-shop finds to look like priceless antiques. Maybe, I thought, this will give us some insight into how Hare whisked up those plays such as *Brassneck* and *Plenty*. But it turned out to be a different David Hare. A pity that Francine Stock, the best thing about this show, gets such a small look-in.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (84391)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (89759)

9.00 Breakfast News Extra (T) (3866952)

9.20 Style Challenge (6317469)

9.45 Kilroy (7662117)

10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (31049)

11.00 News (T) (7406662)

11.05 The Great Escape (7863662)

11.35 Real Rooms (7298056)

12.00 News (T) and weather (8033933)

12.05pm Call My Bluff (8788339)

12.35 The Practice (9129339)

1.00 News (T) and weather (82846)

1.30 Regional News (86456952)

1.40 The Weather Show (99632339)

1.45 Neighbours (T) (40545681)

2.10 Country Walks to Curious Places (10867730)

2.20 Racing from Goodwood the **2.40**, **3.10** and the **3.40** races (1700662)

2.55 News and weather (8424440)

3.00 Through the Keyhole (7285)

3.30 Playdays (8913407) **3.50** Plasmo (5270594) **3.55** Arthur (8916594) **4.20** Julia Jekyll and Harriet Hyde (7351198) **4.35** Round the Twist (1025407) **5.00** Newsround (T) (4283339) **5.10** Activ-8 (6052865)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (729575)

6.00 News (T) and weather (827)

6.30 Regional News (407)

7.00 Holiday: Fasten Your Seatbelt Monty Don becomes a holiday rep in Crete (T) (2594)

7.30 EastEnders (T) (391)

8.00 Children's Hospital Eight-year-old Andrew Hamilton has recurrent pneumonia (T) (8914)

8.30 Goodnight Sweetheart Gary marvels at the creativity of his two partners. Last in series (T) (7049)

9.00 News (T) and weather (3681)

9.30 Carrott on Trial A new six-part series featuring the best of Jasper Carrott (62407) **WALES: 9.30** Week in Week Out (62407) **10.00** Carrott on Trial (16730) **10.30** QED (32778) **11.00** Cannes Film Festival with Barry Norman (306488) **11.40** FILM: The Sting (95614643) **1.45** FILM: The Bedsitting Room (5121995) **3.10** News (78242353)

10.00 QED: Superspecs Dr Josh Silver puts his invention to the test in Ghana (16730)

10.30 Cannes Film Festival with Barry Norman Barry reports from the annual star-studded extravaganza (477943)

11.10 The Sting (1973) Oscar-winning escapade, with Robert Redford and Paul Newman as two 1930s con men determined to swindle petty mobster Robert Shaw out of a fortune as revenge for the murder of a mutual friend. Directed by George Roy Hill (T) (25675933)

1.15am The Bedsitting Room (1969) with Spike Milligan, Ralph Richardson and Rita Tushingham. Surreal comedy, based on Milligan's play, set in a Britain devastated by nuclear war. Directed by Richard Lester (558976)

2.45 Weather (1717995)

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BBC2

6.00am Open University: San Marco: a Dominican Priory The Florentine monastery (8132407) **6.25** Santo Spirito: A Renaissance Church (8111914) **6.50** Utilitarianism: A Lecture by Bernard Williams (8602827)

7.15 News (T) (3594117) **7.30** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (r) (8716469) **7.55** Blue Peter (r) (T) (1806827) **8.20** Juniper Jungle (8693865) **8.35** The Record (3990001) **9.00** Teaching Today (33407) **9.30** Space Ark: The Environment (7249204) **9.45** Watch (7244759) **10.00** Teletubbies (74339) **10.30** Come Outside (6427407) **10.45** Science Zone (4414594) **11.05** Space Ark (7494827) **11.15** Go for It! (5071339) **11.30** Sportsbank (9488) **12.00** See Hear! (13643)

12.30pm Working Lunch (40285) **1.00** Teaching Today (80488) **1.30** Job Bank (86454594) **1.40** Zig Zag Special (80988001) **2.00** Juniper Jungle (10376488) **2.10** The Flying Vet (93564846) **2.30** The Mill's Life (440)

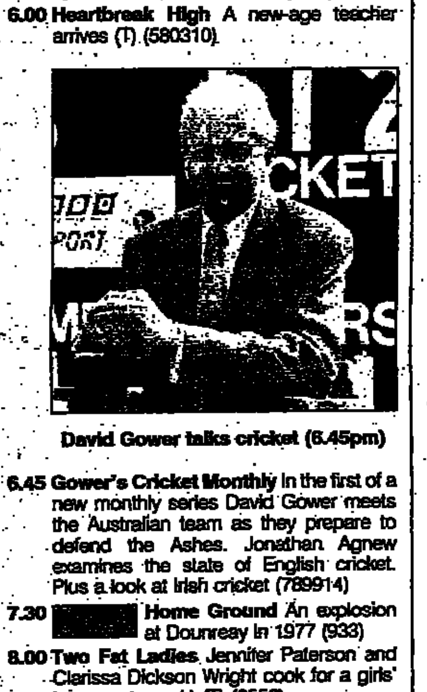
3.00 Racing from Goodwood includes the **3.10 and 3.40** races (8790223)

3.55 News (T) (5277407)

4.00 Racing from Goodwood the **4.10** race (5254556) **4.25** Ready, Steady, Cook (5257643)

4.55 Esther Celebrity siblings swap stories (1152469) **5.30** Today's the Day (556)

6.00 Heartbreak High A new-age teacher arrives (T) (580310)



David Gower talks cricket (6.45pm)

6.45 Gower's Cricket Monthly In the first of a new monthly series David Gower meets the Australian team as they prepare to defend the Ashes. Jonathan Agnew examines the state of English cricket. Plus a look at Irish cricket (789914)

7.30 Home Ground An explosion at Dounreay in 1977 (933)

8.00 Two Fat Ladies Jennifer Paterson and Clarissa Dickson Wright cook for a girls' lacrosse team (r) (T) (6556)

8.30 Food and Drink Picnic wines recommended; John Burton-Race cooks a Bedouin feast (T) (8391)

9.00 Murder One A new defence strategy is required (T) (2952)

10.26 Tales from the Net Andy from Somerset and Lisa from Florida met and married via the Internet (877933)

10.30 Newsnight (T) (572317)

11.15 Ruby Among the guests is Helen Lederer (392285)

12.00 The Midnight Hour (24773)

12.30am Learning Zone: Open University: Strike a Light (37614) **1.00** Velocity Diagrams (20828) **1.30** Making the News (14957) **2.00** Nightschool TV: Go for It! (91266) **4.00** BBC Focus: Teaching and Learning with IT (67624) **4.30** Teaching and Learning with IT (89773) **5.00** Inside Europe (65605) **5.30** Film Education (25402)

HTV

6.00am GMTV (4419310)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (r) (T) (6325488)

9.55 Regional News (T) (3743223)

10.00 The Time, the Place (61865)

10.30 This Morning (62662594)

12.20pm Regional News (T) (8039117)

12.30 News (T) and weather (9115136)

12.55 Shortland Street (9190827) **1.25** Home and Away (T) (70271933) **1.50** Afternoon Live (40528914) **2.20** Vanessa (T) (40716285) **2.50** Afternoon Live (2435865)

3.20 News (6198223)

3.25 Regional News (6197594)

3.30 Wizadora (r) (T) (6441681) **3.40** Potamus Park. Last in series (r) (7079488) **3.50** Old Bear Stories (7068372) **4.00** Garfield and Friends (T) (4895223) **4.20** Waynehead (T) (7360846) **4.40** Island (T) (9283223)

5.10 The House Last in the DIY series (T) (7778049)

5.40 News (T) and weather (995681)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (746778)

6.25 HTV Weather (622759)

6.30 The West Tonight (T) (575)

7.00 Emmerdale Frank faces up to the villagers in the Woolpack (T) (7662)

7.30 Family Circles: I Vagabon! The last in the series explores the difference in attitudes within the Bavettas family who first settled in Bristol in the 1950s (T) (759)

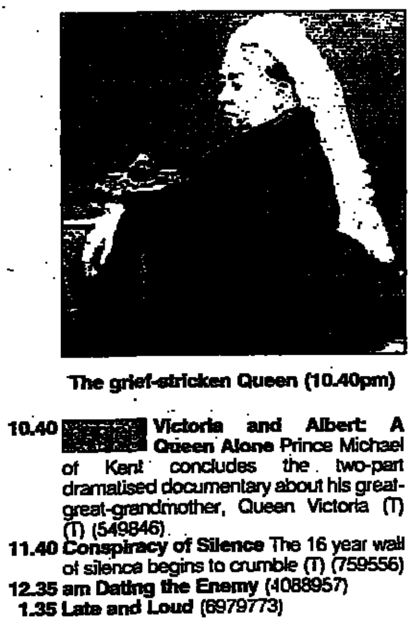
8.00 The Bill A pub landlord gets run over after talking to Boulton. At first it looks like a simple case of revenge against a police "snout" — until Rawton unearths evidence to suggest otherwise (T) (6310)

8.30 The Cook Report Investigative journalist Roger Cook subjects more dodgy characters to trial by television (T) (2117)

9.00 Touching Evil After a close brush with death, Creegan begins to form a picture of his cunning adversary and soon finds himself locked in a battle of wills with an unstable young woman obsessed by what lies beyond the grave (T) (5391)

10.00 News (T) weather (18198)

10.30 Regional News (458285)



The grief-stricken Queen (10.40pm)

10.40 Victoria and Albert: A Queen Alone Prince Michael of Kent concludes the two-part dramatised documentary about his great-great-grandmother, Queen Victoria (T) (T) (549846)

11.40 Conspiracy of Silence The 16 year wall of silence begins to crumble (T) (759556)

12.35 am Dating the Enemy (4088957)

1.35 Late and Loud (6979773)

2.35 The Chart Show (r) (7143570)

3.35 Customs Classified (r) (7698131)

4.30 The Time, the Place (r) (83599)

5.00 Heirloom (r) (52131)

5.30 News (29228)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:

12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (9190827)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7778049)

6.25-7.00 Central News (765925)

7.30-8.00 Heart of the Country (759)

11.40 Highlander (491020)

12.40am Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (5530402)

1.15 Film: Always Remember I Love You (225624)

3.00 In Focus (4651773)

3.40 The Big Match Replayed (1391792)

4.20 Central Jobfinder '97 (5314044)

5.20 Asian Eye (8835131)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:

12.20pm-12.30 Illuminations (8039117)

12.55 Home and Away (8939372)

1.20-1.50 Emmerdale (22017488)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7778049)

6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (45730)

7.30-8.00 Animal Passions (759)

11.40 Highlander (759556)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7778049)

6.00 Meridian Tonight (223)

6.30-7.00 Truly, Madly, Weekly (575)

7.30-8.00 The Parish (759)

11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (759556)

5.00am Freescreen (52131)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except:

12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (9190827)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7778049)

6.23 Anglia Weather (623488)

6.25-7.00 Anglia News (765925)

7.30-8.00 Homemaker (759)

11.40 Swift Justice (759556)

S4C

Starts: 6.00am Sesame Street (77001)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (72469)

9.00 Bewitched (28575)

9.30 Ysgolion (405865)

12.00 House to House (48339)

12.30pm Ricki Lake (68681)

1.00 Slot Meithrin (98875448)

1.15 Pingu (64463763)

1.30 Film: 23 Paces to Baker Street (75204)

3.30 Collector's Lot (681)

4.00 Fifteen-to-One (488)

4.30 Taste of the Times (372)

5.00 5 Pump (5440)

5.30 Countdown (952)

6.00 Newyddion (360407)

6.05 Heno (724556)

6.35 Sion a Sian (639049)

7.00 Pobol y Cwm (834827)

7.25 Glangwili (125952)

8.00 Eryri a'i Chriw (4952)

8.30 Newyddion (5989)

9.00 Fragile Kingdoms: Going Ape (3933)

10.00 Brookside (373730)

10.35 Dark Skies (550952)

11.30 Northern Exposure (751914)

12.25am-1.30 Hill Street Blues (5530605)

4.00 Ysgolion (9943228)

CHANNEL 4

6.00am Sesame Street (r) (77001) **7.00** The Big Breakfast (72469) **9.00** Bewitched (r) (T) (28575)

9.30 Schools: Eureka! (T) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen (T) **10.00** Fourways Farm **10.10** The Jacobites **10.30** Using Museums **11.00** Science in Focus (T) **11.20** Stage One (T) **11.37** Lost Animals **11.45** Scotscapes (T) (405865)

12.00 House to House (48339) **12.30pm** Light Lunch (45469) **1.30** Australia Wild (r) (T) (67952)

2.00 The Garden of Allah (1936) with Marlene Dietrich and Charles Boyer, Tilly Losch and Basil Rathbone. Dalt but handsomely shot melodrama, directed by Richard Boleslawski (T) (1717952)

3.25 Soak It Up A contribution to Adult Learner's Week (T) (6195136) **3.30** Collectors' Lot (T) (681) **4.00** Fifteen-to-One (T) (488) **4.30** Countdown (T) (372) **5.00** Ricki Lake (T) (5440) **5.30** Pet Rescue (T) (952)

6.00 Friends Monica and Rachel invite two handsome doctors for drinks. George Clooney and Noah Wyle make guest appearances (r) (T) (737020)

6.25 Fluke (752339)

6.55 Fresh Pop (608339)

7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (591846)

7.50 Soak It Up (r) (T) (526556)

8.00 CHOICE Moving People A young family move from a flat to a house with a garden, a businessman moves upmarket and a widow leaves a house full of memories (T) (4952)

8.30 Brookside Things go from bad to worse for Mick and Elaine (T) (5989)

9.00 Melissa The final episode of Alan Bleasdale's reworking of the Francis Durbridge thriller (T) (3329399)

Richardson and Everett (10.05pm)

10.05 Dance with a Stranger (1985) with Miranda Richardson and Rupert Everett. A drama about the events that led to Ruth Ellis becoming the last woman in Britain to be hanged, for murder. Directed by Mike Newell (T) (408681)

11.55 Film Night Presented by Janice Forsyth from the Cannes Film Festival (204681)

12.40am Anna (1987) with Sally Kirkland and Paulina Porizkova. A Czech version of *All About Eve*, directed by Yurek Bogayevicz (943082)

2.30 Audacious A young wife becomes bored with her husband's bedroom behaviour (r) (57247)

3.00 Riders of Destiny (1933, b/w). A John Wayne western in which he helps farmers robbed of their water. Directed by George North Bradbury (1698044)

3.55 Terrytoons (55269044)

4.00 Schools (T) (7326860)

5.15 Pêcheurs à Cheval (b/w) Belgium's horseback fishermen (r) (8836960)

5.25-6.00 Backdate (r) (T) (6371976)

CHANNEL 5

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6.00am 5 News Early (8539339)

7.30 Havakazoo (5384759) **8.00** Adventures of the Bush Patrol (8227681)

8.30 Wideworld: Our Children, Ourselves What children at play reveal about human nature (8226952)

9.00 Espresso (2264204) **10.00** Exclusive (r) (7841117) **10.30** Hot Property (8213488)

11.00 Leeza (9980488) **11.50** Double Espresso (34281778) **12.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (8297440) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (r) (T) (4316759)

1.00 5 News Update (49632778) **1.05** Sunset Beach (T) (3386001) **2.00** 5's Company (7808730)

3.30 The First of the Few (1943) with Leslie Howard, David Niven and Rosamund John. Biopic of R. J. Mitchell, the man who designed the Spitfire. Directed by Leslie Howard (8500827)

5.30 100 Per Cent (9079681)

6.00 Whittle (T) (9076594)

6.30 Family Affairs Dominic makes Simon an offer he cannot refuse (T) (9067846)

7.00 Exclusive Showbiz gossip (8819317)

7.30 Animal Omens: How Do They Know A look at the role of instinct in the behaviour of animals. Does a bird learn its territorial song from its parents? Does a cheetah cub instinctively knows how to kill? (T) (9056730)

Engelbert Humperdinck (8.00pm)

8.00 Fame and Fortune: Engelbert Humperdinck A profile of the singer who owns homes in Los Angeles and Leicestershire as he embarks on another world tour (2514925)

8.30 5 News (3069010)

9.00 Shadow of a Doubt (1995) Courtroom drama directed by and starring Brian Dennehy. An alcoholic lawyer fights for his former lover's daughter's freedom and his own career. With Bonnie Bedelia and Fairuza Balk (71525371)

10.40 Exclusive Extra (3165335)

11.00 The Jack Docherty Show Chat and comedy (5639556)

11.40 The Comedy Store A showcase for new comedians. Plus Jack Dee and Neil Mullarkey on the infamous backstage sink (5040865)

12.10am Live and Dangerous Sports magazine featuring the best in motorsports action (76722763)

4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (4971957)

5.30 100 Per Cent (2212841)

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SKY 1

6.00am Morning Glory (888469) **9.00** Regis and Kathie Lee (54652) **10.00** Another World (42040) **11.00** Days of Our Lives (26204) **12.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (55092) **1.00pm** Geraldo (85372) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (82372) **3.00** Jenny Jones (92198) **4.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (23943) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (6339) **6.00** Real TV (2001) **6.30** Married — with Children (6681) **7.00** The Simpsons (7440) **7.30** M*A*S*H (2865) **8.00** Speed! (3488) **8.30** Real TV UK (5223) **9.00** Funny Wedding Disasters (44049) **10.00** The Practice (47136) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (14469) **12.00** America's Dumbest Criminals (64315) **12.30am** L.A.P.D. (41976) **1.00** Hit Mix Long Play (9934353)

SKY 2

7.00pm Superboy (7026198) **8.00** Xena: Warrior Princess (7035846) **9.00** Pacific Blue (7048310) **10.00** Malibu Shores (7025469) **11.00** Late Show with David Letterman (4968933) **12.00** Hit Mix Long Play (4125334)

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

SKY MOVIES

6.00am The Nativity (1978) (34153240) **7.40 Curse of the Viking Grave (1991)** (29243023) **9.15 High Time (1960)** (19006543) **11.00 The Miracle Worker (1962)** (39440) **1.00pm A Pyromaniac's Love Story (1995)** (36955469) **2.45 Man of La Mancha (1972)** (57483730) **5.00 Curse of the Viking Grave (1991)** (76136) **7.00 A Pyromaniac's Love Story (1995)** (36681) **9.00 Nine Months (1995)** (96778020) **10.45 Poison Ivy II: Lily (1995)** (97323391) **12.35am The Babysitter's Seduction (1996)** (253565) **2.10 Clerks (1994)** (5080773) **3.40 Man of La Mancha (1972)** (54775995)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am My Little Pony: The Movie (1986) (76020) **8.00 Jem: The Movie (1986)** (42074) **10.00 Dark Waters (1944)** (99575) **12.00 That's Entertainment: Part Three (1994)** (94117) **2.00pm The Treasure of Pancho Villa (1955)** (29730) **4.00 Jem: The Movie (1986)** (9285) **6.00 Beanstalk (1994)** (82681) **7.30 Special Feature: Absolute Power** (5675) **8.00 The Surrogate (1995)** (51339) **10.00 Bad Boys (1995)** (17407) **12.00 The Day the Sun Turned Cold (1994)** (682334) **1.45am City Slickers II: The Legend of Curly's Gold (1994)** (465315) **3.40 Ulterior Motives (1994)** (54773537)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm The Man from Colorado (1948) (2735440) **8.00 Critical Condition (1987)** (2747285) **10.00 Marathon Man (1976)** (15549643) **12.10am Pretty in Pink (1986)** (5626792) **1.50 Paradise Alley (1978)** (1778518) **3.40-5.15 No Sex Please, We're British! (1973)** (8798889)

TNT

9.00pm 2010 (1984) (78175407) **11.15 Captain Blood (1935)** (14524049) **1.20am Moonfleet (1955)** (37553605) **2.50-5.00 2010 (1984)** (29784841)

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (78223) **7.30** Pro Beach Soccer (80254) **8.30** Racing News (63285) **9.00** Sports Centre (87865) **9.30** IndyCar Racing (20285) **10.30** Live Cricket: Northants v Australia (2343407) **7.00pm** World Pool Masters (79759) **7.50** Sports Centre (727223) **8.00** Live Ringside Boxing (82223) **10.00** Sports Centre (68730) **10.30** Pro Beach Soccer (48372) **11.30** Cricket: Australian Tour (40643) **12.30am** Sports Centre (88150) **1.00** European Seniors Golf: Irish Open (53570) **2.00** Pro Beach Soccer (70808) **3.00-3.30** Sports Centre (32402)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Sports Unlimited (95822310) **1.00pm** Year of the Giant-Killers (62438049) **3.00** Golf: Andersen Consulting Championship (65446198) **4.59** Sports Centre (6908933) **5.00** Wrestling (80357407) **6.00** Sports Centre (23441488) **6.30** Seniors' Irish Open (29173556) **7.30** NBA Basketball (19535662) **9.30-11.30** Golf: Andersen Consulting Championship (50261952)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Football (17136) **9.00** Football (72933) **9.30** Speedworld (46812) **11.00** Football (66846) **12.00** Boxing (60465) **1.00pm** Triathlon (17594) **2.00** Snooker (64223) **3.30** Trickshot (3759) **4.00** Tennis (75681) **5.30** Powerlifting (44020) **6.30** Freeride (6223) **7.00** Touring Car (64827) **8.00** Live Boxing (77391) **10.00** Football (60198) **10.30** Tennis (79846) **11.00** Women's Golf (87339) **12.00-12.30am** Sailing

UK GOLD

7.00am Record Breakers (8914933) **7.35** Neighbours (6315556) **8.00** Crossroads (8025469) **8.25** EastEnders (4593594) **9.00** The Bill (7995001) **9.30** You're Only Young Twice (4132933) **10.00** Robin's Nest (4089204) **10.30** The Sullivans (7991285) **11.00** Casualty (23428925) **12.05pm** Crossroads (86653049) **12.30** Neighbours (4143049) **1.00** EastEnders (8733681) **1.35** Gingerbread Girl (7297759) **2.15** The Mistress (2953440) **2.50** 'Allo 'Allo! (3710372) **3.30** The Bill (3028440) **4.00** Boon (3549339) **5.00** Generation Game (63161488) **6.05** EastEnders (8270466) **6.40** Sykes (5824020) **7.20** Russ Abbot (5809730) **7.50** Rising Damp (7392778) **8.20** In Sickness and in Health (6502681) **9.00** The Bill (3538223) **9.30** Casualty (7088204) **10.30** Then Churchill Said to Me (5481556) **11.10** What a Carry On! (2651681) **11.45** FILM: The Bulldog Breed (6377730) **1.20am** Spring and Autumn (6151889) **1.50** Shopping at Night

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am The Box (4228310) **7.00** Classic Coronation Street (6164643) **7.30** Families (6183778) **8.00** Surprise, Surprise (1296852) **9.00** The Professionals (7205681) **10.00** Richard and Judy Exclusive (8130575) **10.30** Doctor at Large (8598407) **11.00** Love Among the Artists (8169198) **12.00** Classic Coronation Street (9589759) **12.30pm** Families (2850579) **1.00** Crown Court (6163914) **1.30** The Good Life Guide (7705420) **2.00** This Year, Next Year (9131204) **3.00** Upstairs, Downstairs (9328846) **4.00** Surprise, Surprise (9330681) **5.00** The Professionals (3562391) **6.00** Families (2132339) **6.30** Classic Coronation Street (2116391) **7.00** Surprise, Surprise (5494339) **8.00** Upstairs, Downstairs (6470759) **9.00** Classic Coronation Street (9336865) **9.30** The Comedians (6250335) **10.00-11.00** The Professionals (6486310)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Mouse Tracks (6968117) **6.25** Quack Attack (6870952) **6.50** Bonkers (5473662) **7.15** The Little Mermaid (8994010) **7.40** Aladdin (4952223) **8.05** Quack Pack (2142778) **8.30** Goof Troop (29865) **9.00** The Care Bears (4117001) **9.25** Pooh Corner (4136136) **9.50** Muppet Babies (3024372) **10.15** Groundling Marsh (3627812) **10.40** Sing Me a Story (1823020) **11.05** Mouse and Mole (2322730) **11.10** Big Garage (4949339) **11.25** Play Along (3480391) **11.55** Fraggle Rock (8191440) **12.20pm** Timon and Pumbaa (3047566) **12.35** Boy Meets World (7274020) **1.05** Timon and Pumbaa (68704575) **1.15** Mouse Tracks (867778) **1.45** Aladdin (60924662) **2.10** Goof Troop (24092310) **2.35** Bonkers (7092858) **3.00** Quack Attack (9384488) **3.25** Timon and Pumbaa (2139730) **3.35** The Little Mermaid (8127778) **4.00** Timon and Pumbaa (5085730) **4.10** Goof Troop (6088223) **4.30** Every Day's a Choosday (9952) **5.00** Aladdin (7604198) **5.25** Timon and Pumbaa (8795812) **5.35** Mighty Ducks (620865) **6.00** New Doug (7117) **6.30** Boy Meets World (8469) **7.00** Brotherly Love (2558) **7.30** FILM: Lost in the Barrens (47730) **9.00** Dave's World (71643) **9.30-10.00** Golden Girls (47759)

Music from birthday girl Cher throughout the day on VH-1

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am Three Little Ghosts (9175117) **6.30** Inspector Gadget (9487223) **7.00** Samurai Pizza Cats (4959285) **7.30** Power Rangers Zeo (4961020) **8.00** Beetleborgs (2136827) **8.30** Crocadoo (2135198) **9.00** Rimbas Island (3964730) **9.20** The Magic Box (4571285) **9.45** Dudley the Dragon (3854759) **10.15** Rimbas Island (6372594) **10.30** The Magic Box (2148662) **11.00** Jin Jin and the Panda Patrol (6301556) **11.30** Pinocchio (6302285) **12.00** Inspector Gadget (2139914) **12.30pm** VR Troopers (10540662) **12.45** Power Rangers Zeo (8004372) **1.15** Big Bad Beetleborgs (93751117) **1.30** Eek! Stravaganza (4976730) **2.00** Life with Louie (3005730) **2.30** Crocadoo (3815223) **3.00** Gadget Boy (3024865) **3.30** Eek! (3887440) **4.00** Life with Louie (3806575) **4.30** Power Rangers Zeo (3802759) **5.00** Big Bad Beetleborgs (3029310) **5.30** Spiderman (3826339) **6.00** X Men (3816952) **6.30-7.00** Goosebumps (3807204)

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6.00am Iznogoud (29914) **6.30** Danger Mouse (40833) **7.00** Dennis the Menace (71391) **7.30** The Tick **8.00** Batman (93440) **8.30** Art Attack (32339) **9.00** Art Attack (47677) **9.30** Earthworm Jim (52681) **10.00** Gravedale High (31285) **10.30** Flash Gordon (12575) **11.00** Creepy Crawlers (97681) **11.30** Cadillacs and Dinosaurs (98310) **12.00** Gravedale High (38317) **12.30pm** Stunt Dawgs (30469) **1.00** Batman (70662) **1.30** Dnager Mouse (22440) **2.00** Creepy Crawlers (4914) **2.30** Flash Gordon (2662) **3.00** Sonic the Hedgehog (3049) **3.30** Earthworm Jim (4407) **4.00** The Tick (3914) **4.30-5.00** Art Attack (9196)

CARTOON NETWORK

Non-stop cartoons from **5.00am** to **9.00pm** Includes Tom and Jerry, Popeye and The Flintstones

NICKELODEON

6.00am Count Duckula (74440) **6.30** Rocko's Modern Life (43407) **7.00** Hey Arnold! (74865) **7.30** Rugrats (53372) **8.00** Doug (62556) **8.30** Arthur (61827) **9.00** CBBC (90488) **10.00** Wimzie's House (34759) **10.30** Babar (74391) **11.00** Magic School Bus (59407) **11.30** Mr Men/King Rollo/Barney/Topsy and Tim/Skylark (50136) **12.00** Bananas in Pyjamas (65643) **12.30pm** Little Bear Stories (92285) **1.00** CBBC (80440) **2.00** Dr Seuss (9440) **2.30** Kissyfur (4488) **3.00** The Chipmunks (8575) **3.30** Bruno the Kid (9933) **4.00** Jumanji (8440) **4.30** Rugrats (7952) **5.00** Sister Sister (3020) **5.30** Moesha (9204) **6.00** Press Gang (5117) **6.30-7.00** Doug (6469)

TROUBLE

12.00 Heartbreak High (4140952) **1.00pm** Madison (8923136) **1.30** Sweet Valley High (4137436) **2.00** Hangtime (4438759) **2.30** California Dreams (3041391) **3.00** Byker Grove (4440594) **3.30** 9-2-5 (3053136) **4.00** Sweet Valley High (3032643) **4.30** Hangtime (3038827) **5.00** Saved by the Bell (4452339) **5.30** California Dreams (3052407) **6.00** Byker Grove (3043020) **6.30** Madison (3033372) **7.00-8.00** Heartbreak High (8220223)

BRAVO

8.00pm The New Twilight Zone (8206643) **9.00** Monsters (3523391) **9.30** Twisted (4141681) **10.00** Tour of Duty (8228594) **11.00** FILM: Chillers (2300310) **1.00am** Starsky and Hutch (4811624) **2.00** Tour of Duty (7089179) **3.00** FILM: The Loveless (3397150) **5.00** The New Twilight Zone (8943781)

PARAMOUNT COMEDY

7.00pm Roseanne (4876) **7.30** Roseanne (8681) **8.00** Entertainment UK (9204) **8.30** Almost Perfect (8339) **9.00** Cheers (39643) **9.30** Cybill (12049) **10.00** Frasier (86372) **10.30** Monty Python's Flying Circus (75020) **11.00** Club Class (41488) **11.30** Nightstand (48285) **12.30pm** Sledgehammer (87792) **1.00** Cheers (50808) **1.30** Cybill (66957) **2.00** Entertainment UK (95044) **2.30** Club Class (14179) **3.00** Frasier (30044) **3.30-4.00** Almost Perfect (98131)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

8.00pm FILM: Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home (95749575) **10.20** Bloomberg Science and Technology Report (5224846) **10.25** Earthscan (7270223) **11.00 FILM: Captain Kronos: Vampire Hunter** (4498469) **12.40am FILM: Man from Planet X** (66284150) **2.05** The Making of First Contact (48262570) **2.35** SFScene (58278266) **3.05-4.00** The Web (7762537)

HOME & LEISURE

9.00am The Joy of Painting (7993643) **9.30** Garden Calendar (4130575) **10.00** Screaming Reels (4087846) **10.30** Doing it Up (7999827) **11.00** The Painted House (3516001) **11.30** This Old House (3517730) **12.00** Yan Can Cook (7913407) **12.30pm** Graham Kerr (4134391) **1.00** Today's Gourmet (8929310) **1.30** Home Again (4136662) **2.00** The Log Cabin (4434933) **2.30** Furniture to Go (3054865) **3.00** Our House (4413440) **3.30-4.00** This Old House

DISCOVERY

4.00pm High Five (3045117) **4.30** Top Marques II (3034001) **5.00** Time Travellers (4426285) **5.30** Justice Files (3058681) **6.00** Amphibians (3055594) **6.30** Wild at Heart (3046846) **7.00** Beyond 2000 (4445049) **7.30** Disaster (3035730) **8.00** Discover Magazine (8219117) **9.00** Hitler's Henchmen (8222681) **10.00** Pioneers! He Conquered Space (8292440) **11.00** In the Wake of the Buzzard (8913759) **12.00** Wings of the Red Star (8474808) **1.00am** Disaster (3708286) **1.30-2.00** Beyond 2000 (2360792)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Weapons at War (5807469) **5.00** Gangsters Part II (4302038) **6.00** Churchill's Few (3277469) **7.00-8.00** Biography: Richard the Lionheart (1505952)

CHALLENGE TV

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5.05pm Cross Wits (9602594) **5.50** Family Fortunes (605556) **6.20** Challenge TV's Family Days Out (234643) **6.30** Catchphrase (528594) **7.05** Winner Takes All (662662) **7.40** Give Us A Clue (473865) **8.20** All Clued Up (508285) **9.00** Through the Keyhole (849730) **9.25** Challenge TV's InnQuizition (200827) **9.35** Sale of the Century (741759) **10.05** Treasure Hunt (209556) **11.20** Studs (874812) **12.00** Winner Takes All (48315) **12.30am** Family Late: Hart to Hart (26042) **1.30** Moonlighting (32247) **2.30** The Bryds of Paradise (95889) **3.30** My Two Dads (36315) **4.00** The Fall Guy (42112) **5.00** HSN Direct Shopping (85266)

UK LIVING

6.00am Tiny Living (30464391) **9.05** A Woman Called Smith (7619681) **9.15** The Gordon Elliott Show (7901575) **10.05** Jerry Springer Uncut (5596402) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (7179594) **11.50** Brookside (9393204) **12.25pm** Why Me? Real Life Case Studies (19493575) **12.55** Tempest! (8290420) **1.40** Rolonda (6674339) **2.30** The Agony Experience (7763001) **3.00** Live at Three (92795049) **4.05** The Jerry Springer Show (4240575) **5.05** Lingo (44535556) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (7774117) **6.00** I Dream of Jeannie (9639198) **6.35** Ready, Steady, Cook (9309440) **7.05** Hearts Afire (4935391) **7.35** Brookside (6534759) **8.05** Rolonda (6375952) **9.00 FILM: Infidelity** (2744198) **11.00-12.00** The Sex Zone (2727001)

ZEE TV

7.00am Jaagran **7.30** Zabaan Sambhal Ke **8.00** Gaane Anjaane **8.30** India Business Report **9.00** Tamil Serial: Ha Ha Sirupu **9.30** Tamil Serial: Super Stunts **10.00** Fat a Fat **10.30** Hero Kal Aaj Aur Kal **11.00** Khoobsurat **11.30** Naaye Taraane **12.00** Sailaab **12.30pm** Raahat **1.00** Hindi **FILM: Pyar Ka Tarana** **4.00** ZEE Zone Presents **4.05** Mr Mintoo **4.35** Aahaa **5.00** Zone Time **5.25** Hum Zameen **6.00** Dance Mania **6.30** ZEE and You **7.00** Aap Ki Farmaish **7.30** Chalo Cinema **8.00** News and Euronews **8.35** Daraar **9.05** Jaal **9.30** Ikke Pe Ikka **10.00** Tara **11.00-12.00** Sa Re Ga Ma

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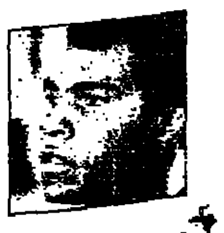

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Wilkinson plots England success through successior

The FA's new broom makes a case for grooming.

Oliver Holt, football correspondent, sweeps up

Wilkinson: refreshing

Howard Wilkinson, the technical director of the Football Association, made an impassioned plea last night for wide-ranging change in English football when he revealed his Charter for Quality, designed to drag England back to the forefront of the world game.

The most high-level proposal, amid a host of sweeping alterations, is that the successor to Glenn Hoddle as England coach should become part of the FA coaching hierarchy early next year and be groomed within that set-up rather than continue to cut his teeth in the FA Carling Premiership.

That would bring England in line with countries like Germany, where Berti Vogts served an apprenticeship under Franz Beckenbauer, and Italy, where Cesare Maldini was the understudy to Arrigo Sacchi, before they progressed to the top job.

Wilkinson, who has been in situ for more than 100 days and has talked extensively to Hoddle about the move, hinted strongly that the man he had in mind was English. He hoped to move towards recommending him around January next year and expected his choice to be accepted by the FA.

"In principle," Wilkinson said, "I feel it is sensible and right that the next manager should have been working with the international teams and getting to know them. It should be someone who has decided that that is the career path he would like to take.

"I do not think that something as important should be left in the lurch if someone ups and aways or if the FA decides that the time has come for a change. In both those instances, it would be: 'Oops, where do we go from here?' under the current system."

The success of the proposal, which, like the rest of Wilkinson's charter, will be subject to approval by the FA Council, would depend on a coach's willingness to forego a tilt at domestic and European honours at club level. Despite the rather faint support of Graham Kelly, the FA chief executive, who would only say that he agreed with the "general thrust" of this particular plan, the feeling is that it represents the way forward.

It was hard, in fact, to disagree with any of the thoughts that the former Leeds United manager put forward, largely as a result of consultations with representatives of every FA Premier League and Football League club. It is the difficulty he may face in implementing them that is their Achilles' heel.

One of his central tenets, for instance, is the laudable desire to limit the number of games for young players to 30 a season. The problem, though, is that as soon as they graduate to a Premier League bloated with cash, they would be expected to play closer to 45 games. About that, there was no mention.

That, though, is outside Wilkinson's jurisdiction and his charter, which has already drawn praise from his French counterpart, Gerard Houllier, was a refreshing attempt to sweep away some of the abuses that hinder the development of young English footballers.

One of his first steps would be to persuade Premier and Football League clubs to establish football academies and centres of excellence. These academies, which would take responsibility for the development of young players away from schools, would take charge of all talented players between the ages of eight and 21. He is also seeking to establish a National Football Centre.

"This charter states categorically that the best environment in which to develop talent is inside our major professional clubs as part of a academy structure within the club framework," Wilkinson said.

"Coaches abroad rub their hands in glee at the fact that we are not making the most of the potential we have in this country at the moment. They are happy with the fixture overcrowding. They are happy with what we do with our schoolboys. They are happy that they do not get as much coaching as they should do. They are happy that the coaches who work at that level are underqualified. They are happy in the sense that it provides less competition for them."

"What we are talking about here involves a sea-change. I have got fed up with people saying what we cannot do without saying what the problem is. Nothing ever got done about it."

Edwards denies contract row

Mystery grows over sudden exit of Cantona

By David Maddock

PREDICTABLY, the enigma of Eric Cantona hung heavily around Old Trafford yesterday, even in the absence of the departed icon. As supporters laid flowers and scarves at the ground, in a surreal, funereal commemoration of his passing, conspiracy theories abounded about his underlying motives in announcing his retirement.

As Cantona himself might say, the truth has many faces. There were suggestions that all was not as it seemed when Manchester United revealed the news to the world on Sunday. Already, the French media has been gripped by suggestions that their countryman was forced out of England because of a row over a new contract. There were also hints that the retired forward has not, in fact, put away his boots for the final time.

In France, there is indignation about Cantona's departure from Old Trafford. *Le Soir* has reported a suggestion by Jean Jacques Bertrand, the player's lawyer, that a refusal by the club's board to extend the remaining year of Cantona's contract led to the decision to retire. The argument, also lent credence by some United supporters, goes that the decision was a financial one inspired by the plc that runs Manchester United.

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It is a suggestion that is refuted adamantly by Martin Edwards, the United chairman and chief executive, who has grown weary of the allegations aimed constantly at the public company. "I really feel I shouldn't get involved in any argument, because there is nothing for me to defend," he said, "but this kind of thing is absolute nonsense. There has been no row over contract discussions, because we have not had any talks with Eric at all."

If Cantona, who is 31 this week, was not forced to leave Old Trafford because of a lack of appreciation of his talents, then there is an alternative theory that suggests he has retired with the long-term aim of resurfacing elsewhere. The France international retired once before, when he left Nimes, but returned to football when he joined Leeds United in 1991.

Bernard Ferrer, his brother-in-law, is a midfield player with Marseilles, Cantona's hometown club and the team with which many people felt he would one day have ended his career. "Six years in England have drained Eric and I think he was weary of that," Ferrer said, "but I think he still wants to play football. He needs a rest, but he could return after that."

Cantona was approached by Marseilles last week, when it was suggested that there could be a place for him should he decide to leave Manchester United, but yesterday a club official said that there were no plans to bring their former player back.

There was, however, another hint that Cantona's playing days are not over. He has a contract with Nike, the American sportswear firm, and it suggested yesterday that it would be standing by the player and intended to use him in the future.

If the speculation over Cantona's departure reached intense proportions, then it was equally fierce over the identity of the man who is likely to replace the Frenchman. Manchester United have expressed a strong interest in Juninho and are likely to table a formal bid for the Brazilian this week. Already, they have made strong overtures and have made contact with Middlesbrough, his club, in order to obtain permission to speak to the player.

Juninho flew to Brazil on Sunday for a holiday, but his father, Oswaldo, remained at the family home on Teesside to conduct negotiations. Liverpool, Arsenal and Newcastle United are among the English clubs vying for the player's signature, but yesterday it became clear that Spain is still his favoured destination.

Oswaldo was in talks with officials from Atlético Madrid, who flew to Middlesbrough yesterday to open negotiations with the club. Should Juninho be given permission to speak to the Spanish side, then his father will fly to Madrid on Friday to continue talks over a contract thought to be worth in the region of £40,000 a week.

Bernd Schuster, the former Barcelona, Real Madrid and Germany midfield player, is the favourite to fill the vacant managerial post at Reading. John Madejski, the chairman, will begin interviewing candidates this week, with Schuster, 36, who has been coaching in Mexico, keen to be involved in the English game.

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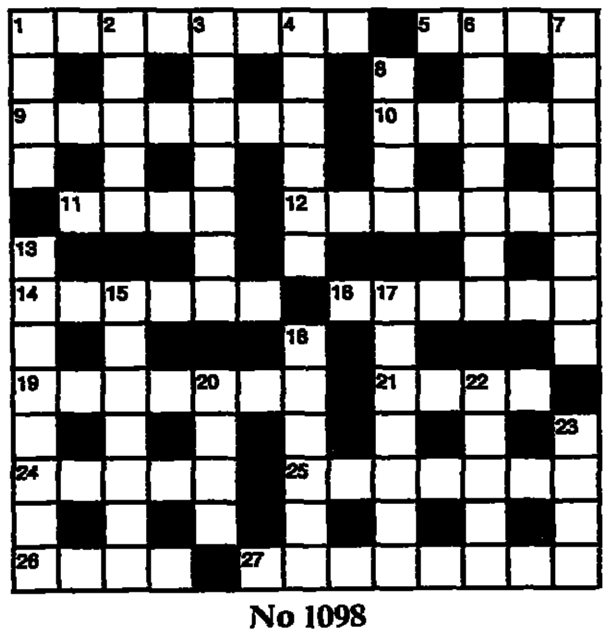

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- 16 Wet-plaster work (6)
- 19 Gun, bullet diameter (7)
- 21 Bird; cricket score (4)
- 24 Carnivores; rugby tourists (5)
- 25 Rescue from wreck (7)
- 26 Primitive; offensive (4)
- 27 Type of number, point, virtue (8)

DOWN
- 1 Be *without* (4)
- 2 Computer clicker (5)
- 3 Fr. city, dancing *sur* its *pont* (7)
- 4 Ape-reared aristocrat (*Burroughs*) (6)
- 6 Having reservations (7)
- 7 Unlikely bet (4,4)
- 8 Supply of earmarked money (4)
- 13 One demanding punctiliousness (8)
- 15 In summary (3,4)
- 17 Rouged; scruffy (7)
- 18 *Japanese hostess* (6)
- 20 Hit party; attempt (4)
- 22 Group of shops; 22 yards (5)
- 23 Cut down; ruthless (4)

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Montgomerie gives a short-iron approach his full attention yesterday

Torrance and Montgomerie rise to matchplay challenge

By John Hopkins, golf correspondent

WHAT they say about Scots and money may be pejorative, but in the European qualifying stage of the Andersen Consulting world championship at the Buckinghamshire golf club yesterday, the world's second-richest golf tournament, Colin Montgomerie and Sam Torrance both raised their games significantly. No sooner had Torrance dispatched Ian Woosnam surprisingly easily than Montgomerie had less difficulty than he had anticipated in beating José María Olazábal.

A matchplay tournament is welcome on the European Tour, as a change from an otherwise endless diet of strokeplay events. Though rain dampened proceedings yesterday, it was no surprise that two of the winners, Torrance and Darren Clarke, both love this form of the game and, in Clarke's case, had spectacular success at it as an amateur. In one year, he won the Spanish amateur championship and three important Irish events.

"I love matchplay golf," Torrance said. "I love to get aggressive. I like going for things and the one-to-one." The way Torrance putted, you could understand all his rivals endorsing the notion that broomhandle putters should be banned, even though the Royal and Ancient Golf Club confirmed yesterday that nothing will be done until 2000 at the earliest — and not necessarily then.

Torrance was approximately six under par when he defeated Woosnam 4 and 3. From the moment he won the 1st, he held the whip hand. When he holed a 70-yard pitch on the 11th to go two-up and followed this by holing a 15-yard putt on the 12th and hitting his second to five feet on the 13th, he was home, if not dry. Torrance's form has been on the turn and a ninth Ryder Cup appearance may not be out of his reach if he really is running into a vein of form that he can sustain.

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Montgomerie had been anxious about his match against Olazábal, but, as it happened, his worries were unfounded. Olazábal is beginning to look tired and his golf was merely competent and without sparkle. The final of the 1984 Amateur Championship, when his short game was little short of miraculous as he beat Montgomerie 5 and 4, was but a memory. Yesterday, Montgomerie won 2 and 1, even though he was putting so poorly that he failed to hole four from inside eight feet.

We have heard before how Montgomerie is hitting the ball well from tee to green and putting badly. He says the problem is getting worse. "I did not think my putting would get so low," he said. "It's a bit worrying that they are not going in as they used to. There is no pattern to the way I am missing. I am not going to do anything with my putter, but Alistair [Montgomerie's caddie] might be."

On the last two par threes, Montgomerie demonstrated how he can resolve his putting difficulties, hitting the ball so close with mid-irons that even he could not miss. He struck a six-iron iron to three feet at the 14th and a five-iron to four feet at the 16th.

The prize-money at this event is staggering, totalling £2.35 million. Montgomerie and Torrance, who each won £25,000 yesterday, will face one other in one semi-final this morning. The winner will get a further £38,000, the loser £19,000. The other semi-final will be between Clarke and Costantino Rocca. Nice work if you can get it.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: C Montgomerie (Scot) bt J-M Olazábal (Sp) 2 and 1; S Torrance (Scot) bt I Woosnam (Wal) 4 and 3; D Clarke (N Ire) bt B Langer (Ger) 2 and 1; C Rocca (It) bt J Parnevik (Swe) at 20th.

Third positive test likely in United States

By John Goodbody and David Powell

ATHLETICS officials in the United States are bracing themselves for a third positive drugs test inside a week. Any new revelations would follow the high levels of male hormones found in samples of Mary Slaney and Sandra Farmer-Patrick, two of the top American competitors of recent years, at the Olympic trials last June.

Officials are refusing to confirm any findings, although sources say unofficially that an unacceptable level of testosterone was also found in a third competitor at the trials in Atlanta.

USA Track and Field (USATF), already reeling from these latest scandals and facing a deficit this year of $2 million, now has a long battle to restore credibility to the sport.

Farmer-Patrick has been banned. Neither she nor Dan Pfaff, of the University of Texas, who also advises Donovan Bailey, the Olympic 100 metres champion, from Canada, were yesterday available for comment. There is no suggestion that Bailey has taken any performance-enhancing substances.

Slaney is facing an inquiry into why her testosterone-epitestosterone (T/E) ratio was 10-1. The usual ratio is 1-1 and the doping authorities investigate any cases of 6-1 and above.

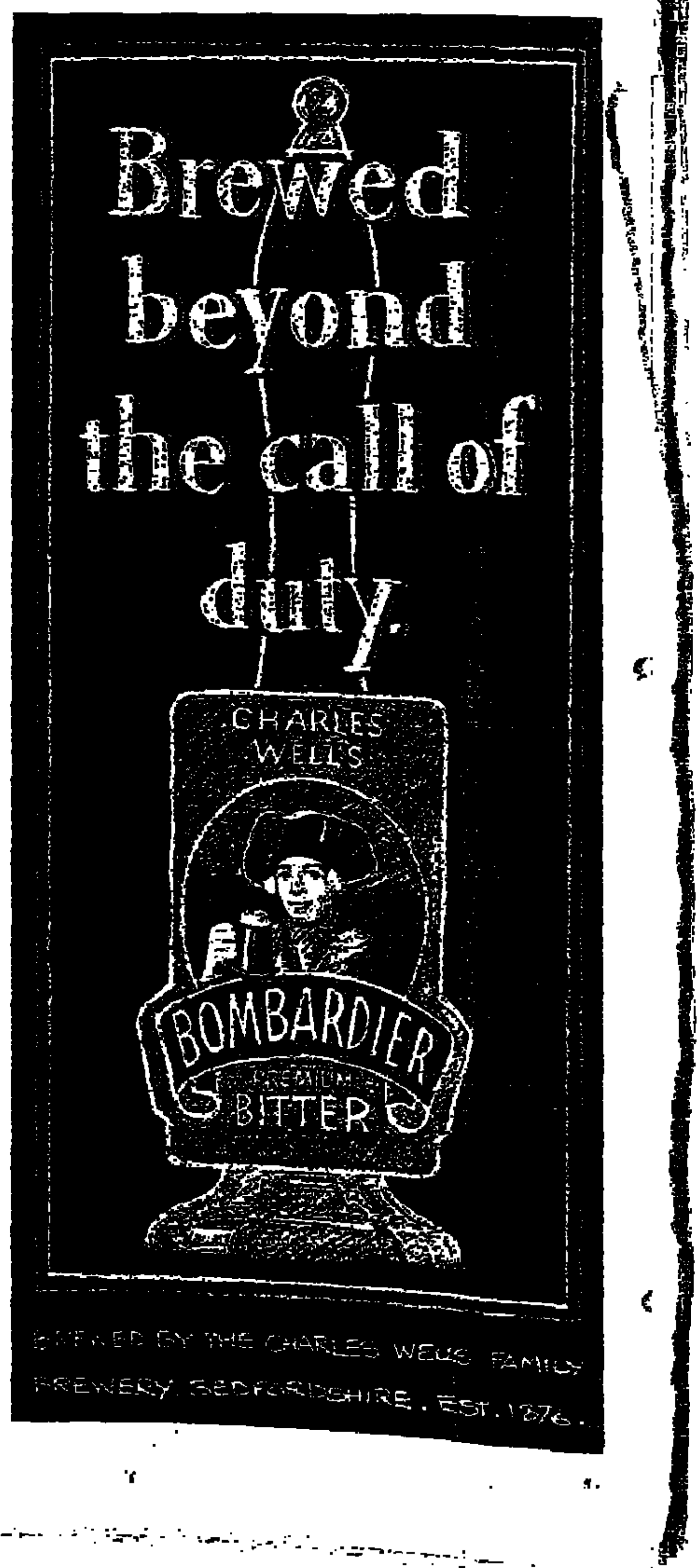
Slaney, the double world champion in 1983, is protesting her innocence and has continued to compete, winning a silver medal in the 1997 world indoor championships.

Meanwhile, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) is hoping to introduce a test that can detect whether testosterone has been artificially taken. It is hoped that the procedure will be accepted internationally by the time of the world athletics championships in August, although that looks to be an unrealistic timescale.

Four different groups have been working on this latest test, with much of the most valuable work being done by Dr Cedric Shackleton, a Briton, who is now based in the United States.

Dr David Cowan, the head of Britain's IOC-accredited laboratory at King's College, London University, said yesterday that the testosterone that can be bought to inject is of plant origin , particularly soya, that has an enrichment of the isotopes of carbon. "This differs from what is naturally produced within one's own body."

If this test had been accepted internationally, it would have been used to clarify the case of Diane Modahl. The British runner, who had a ratio of 42-1 in a test in Lisbon in 1994, was cleared after successfully arguing that her sample had been degraded after it had been stored in excessively hot conditions.



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